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Compounds such as formula (I) having herbicidal utility are disclosed, wherein Q is (Q-1), (Q-2), (Q-3), (Q-4), (Q-5), (Q-6), (Q-7), or (Q-8); R¹ is H; alkyl, haloalkyl or halogen; R² is C₁-C₂ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogens, OR⁸, CN, COR⁹, CO₂R³¹ or CONR³²R³³; CN; CO₂R³⁴; CONR³⁵R³⁶; S(O)_pR⁸; S(O)_pR⁸; S(O)_pR⁸ or COR³⁷; or R¹ and R² can be taken together along with the carbon to which they are attached to form C=CHCO₂R³¹; C=C(CH₃)CO₂R³¹; C=C(C₂H₅)CO₂R³¹; C=CHCONR³²R³³; C=C(CH₃)CONR³²R³³ or C=C(C₂H₅)CONR³²R³³.

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TITLE

HERBICIDAL IMIDAZOLONES AND A PROCESS FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE

This invention comprises novel imidazolones and their agriculturally suitable salts for weed control in crops. This invention further comprises a simple one-pot procedure for preparing amino amides from the corresponding α -amino acid, ester or lactone, a trialkylaluminum and an amine, the reaction proceeding with retention of configuration and without the need for prior protection of the α -amino moiety.

A general method for the conversion of esters to amides by reaction of an aluminum amide with an ester has been described, see for example, Weinreb et al., *Tetrahedron Lett.*, (1977), 4171-4174. Weinreb et al. discloses the amidation of a protected *N*-acetyl amino acid, however, no mention is made of unprotected amino acids or peptides or the retention or loss of configuration at the carbon bearing the amino moiety. Numerous prior art methods are known for the amidation of protected α -amino acids or esters, however, the prior art does not disclose the direct amidation of unprotected α -amino acids or esters without substantial concomitant racemization when the α -amino acids or esters are enantiomerically enriched.

The present invention demonstrates an advance over the prior art by the direct synthesis of α -amino amides from the corresponding α -amino acids, esters or lactones, without prior protection of the amino group and with retention of configuration at the carbon bearing the α -amino group. A specific application of the method of the present invention is the synthesis of peptides.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The compounds of this invention are compounds of the formula:

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wherein

R11

Q-4

Q is

$$R^{12}$$
 R^{13}
 R^{14}
 R^{15}
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 R^{15}
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 R^{15}
 R^{16}
 R^{16}

R¹¹

Q-6

$$R^{14}$$
 R^{15}
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R11

Q-5

 R^1 is H; C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl; or halogen;

R² is C₁-C₂ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogens, OR⁸, CN, COR⁹, CO₂R³¹ or CONR³²R³³; CN; CO₂R³⁴; CONR³⁵R³⁶; S(O)_nR⁸; S(O)_nNR¹⁹R⁸ or COR³⁷; or

 R^1 and R^2 can be taken together along with the carbon to which they are attached to form C=CHCO_2R^{31}; C=C(CH_3)CO_2R^{31}; C=C(C_2H_5)CO_2R^{31}; C=CHCONR^{32}R^{33}; C=C(CH_3)CONR^{32}R^{33} or C=C(C_2H_5)CONR^{32}R^{33};

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G is CH; C(C_1-C_4 \text{ alkyl}); or N;
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A is C_1 - C_4 alkyl; C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl; C_2 - C_4 alkenyl; C_2 - C_4 alkynyl; OR^{10} ; SR^{10} or halogen;

B is C₁-C₄ alkyl; C₁-C₄ haloalkyl; C₃-C₄ alkenyl or C₃-C₄ alkynyl;

A and B can be taken together as X-Y-Z to form a fused ring such that X is connected to nitrogen and Z is connected to G;

X is CHR³; CHR⁴CHR⁵; CR⁴=CR⁵;

Y is CHR⁶; CR⁶=CR⁶; NR³⁸; O or S(O)_n;

Z is CHR^7 ; CHR^4CHR^5 ; $CR^4=CR^5$; NR^{38} ; O; or $S(O)_n$;

n is independently O; 1 or 2;

 R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are independently H; halogen; C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl; or

 R^3 and R^6 , or R^6 and R^7 , can be taken together to form -CH₂-;

R⁸ and R⁹ are independently H; C₁-C₆ alkyl; C₂-C₆ alkenyl; C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl or phenyl optionally substituted with one or more CH₃, OCH₃, NO₂, CN or halogens;

W is independently O or S;

 R^{10} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl;

R¹¹ is halogen;

20 R^{12} is H; C_1 - C_8 alkyl; C_1 - C_8 haloalkyl; halogen; OH; OR^{17} ; SH; $S(O)_nR^{17}$; COR^{17} ; CO_2R^{17} ; $C(O)SR^{17}$; $C(O)NR^{19}R^{20}$; CHO; CR^{19} = NOR^{26} ; CH= $CR^{27}CO_2R^{17}$; $CH_2CHR^{27}CO_2R^{17}$; CO_2N = $CR^{21}R^{22}$; NO_2 ; CN; $NHSO_2R^{23}$; $NHSO_2NHR^{23}$; $NR^{17}R^{28}$; NH_2 or phenyl optionally substituted with R^{29} ;

25 R¹³ is C₁-C₂ alkyl; C₁-C₂ haloalkyl; OCH₃; SCH₃; OCHF₂; halogen; CN or NO₂;

 R^{14} is H; C_1 - C_3 alkyl or halogen;

R¹⁵ is H; C₁-C₃ alkyl; halogen; C₁-C₃ haloalkyl; cyclopropyl; vinyl; C₂ alkynyl; CN; C(O)R²⁸; CO₂R²⁸; C(O)NR²⁸R³⁰; CR²⁴R²⁵CN;

CR²⁴R²⁵C(O)R²⁸; CR²⁴R²⁵CO₂R²⁸; CR²⁴R²⁵C(O)NR²⁸R³⁰; CHR²⁴OH; CHR²⁴OC(O)R²⁸ or OCHR²⁴OC(O)NR²⁸R³⁰; or when Q is Q-2 or Q-6, R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ can be taken together with the carbon to which they are attached to form C=O;

 R^{16} is H; C_1 - C_6 alkyl; C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl; C_2 - C_6 alkoxyalkyl; C_3 - C_6 alkenyl; R^{17} is C_1 - C_8 alkyl; C_3 - C_8 cycloalkyl; C_3 - C_8 alkenyl; C_3 - C_8 alkynyl; C_1 - C_8 haloalkyl; C₂-C₈ alkoxyalkyl; C₂-C₈ alkylthioalkyl; C₂-C₈ 5 alkylsulfinylalkyl; C2-C8 alkylsulfonylalkyl; C4-C8 alkoxyalkoxyalkyl; C₄-C₈ cycloalkylalkyl; C₆-C₈ cycloalkoxyalkyl; C₄-C₈ alkenyloxyalkyl; C₄-C₈ alkynyloxyalkyl; C₃-C₈ haloalkoxyalkyl; C₄-C₈ haloalkenyloxyalkyl; C₄-C₈ haloalkynyloxyalkyl; C₆-C₈ cycloalkylthioalkyl; C₄-C₈ alkenylthioalkyl; C₄-C₈ alkynylthioalkyl; C₁-C₄ alkyl substituted with 10 phenoxy or benzyloxy, each ring optionally substituted with halogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl or C₁-C₃ haloalkyl; C₄-C₈ trialkylsilylalkyl; C₃-C₈ cyanoalkyl; C₃-C₈ halocycloalkyl; C₃-C₈ haloalkenyl; C₅-C₈ alkoxyalkenyl; C₅-C₈ haloalkoxyalkenyl; C₅-C₈ alkylthioalkenyl; C₃-C₈ haloalkynyl; C₅-C₈ alkoxyalkynyl; C₅-C₈ haloalkoxyalkynyl; 15 C₅-C₈ alkylthioalkynyl; C₂-C₈ alkyl carbonyl; benzyl optionally substituted with halogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl or C₁-C₃ haloalkyl; $CHR^{24}COR^{18}$; $CHR^{24}P(O)(OR^{18})_2$; $CHR^{24}P(S)(OR^{18})_2$; CHR²⁴C(O)NR¹⁹R²⁰; CHR²⁴C(O)NH₂; CHR²⁴CO₂R¹⁸; CO₂R¹⁸; SO₂R¹⁸; phenyl optionally substituted with R²⁹; 20 R¹⁸ is C₁-C₆ alkyl; C₁-C₆ haloalkyl; C₃-C₆ alkenyl or C₃-C₆ alkynyl; R¹⁹ and R²¹ are independently H or C₁-C₄ alkyl; R²⁰ and R²² are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl or phenyl optionally substituted with halogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl or C₁-C₃ haloalkyl; 25 R¹⁹ and R²⁰ may be taken together along with the nitrogen to which they are attached to form a piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl or morpholinyl ring, each ring optionally substituted with C_1 - C_3 alkyl, phenyl or benzyl; R²¹ and R²² may be taken together with the carbon to which they are attached to form C3-C8 cycloalkyl; 30

 \mathbb{R}^{23} is \mathbb{C}_1 - \mathbb{C}_4 alkyl or \mathbb{C}_1 - \mathbb{C}_4 haloalkyl;

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R²⁴ and R²⁵ are independently H or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R²⁶ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ alkenyl or C₃-C₆ alkynyl;

R²⁷ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl or halogen;

R²⁸ and R³⁰ are independently H or C₁-C₄ alkyl; and

R²⁹ is C₁-C₂ alkyl; C₁-C₂ haloalkyl; OCH₃; SCH₃; OCHF₂; halogen; CN or NO₂;

R³¹, R³², R³³, R³⁴. R³⁵, R³⁶ and R³⁷ are independently H; C₁-C₆ alkyl; C₂-C₆ alkenyl; C₃-C₆ alkynyl; C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl; or benzyl or phenyl each optionally substituted on the phenyl ring with one or more CH₃, OCH₃, NO₂, CN or halogen;

 R^{38} is H; C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl;

and their corresponding N-oxides and agriculturally suitable salts provided that

- the sum of atoms in the backbone of the moiety of the fused ring formed by X, Y and Z is no greater than 4;
- 2) only one of X, Y and Z can be other than a carbon containing link;
- 3) when G is N and A and B are taken together as X-Y-Z, then Z is CHR⁷; CHR⁴CHR⁵; or CR⁴=CR⁵;
- 4) when Q is Q-1 and R² is methyl or ethyl, then A and B are taken together as X-Y-Z; and
- 5) when G is N, A is other than OR¹⁰, SR¹⁰, or halogen.

Another embodiment of the invention is an agriculturally suitable composition for controlling the growth of undesired vegetation comprising an effective amount of a compound of Formula I with the substituents as defined above.

A further embodiment of the invention is a method for controlling the growth of undesired vegetation which comprises applying to the locus to be protected an effective amount of a compound of Formula I with the substituents as defined above.

The present invention also involves a process for the preparation of an amino amide of Formula IX which comprises contacting an unprotected α-amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIII, with an amine of Formula X or a hydrogen halide salt thereof, and a trialkylaluminum reagent of Formula XI

wherein:

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R⁴³ is selected from the group H; NH₂; C₂-C₁₂ alkenyl; C₁-C₁₂ alkyl or C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl each optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group morpholinyl, C₁-C₆ alkylamino, C₂-C₆ dialkylamino, pyridinyl and phenyl, each pyridinyl or phenyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group halogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl; and a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic aromatic ring or 9- to 10-membered fused bicyclic aromatic ring each containing 0 to 3 heteroatoms independently selected from the group 0-2 O, 0-2 S, 0-4 N and 0-2 NR⁵², each ring further optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents independently selected from the group halogen, OH, NO₂, SH, CN, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₂-C₆ alkenyloxy and C₃-C₆ alkynyloxy; provided that when R⁴⁴, R⁴⁵ or R⁴⁶ occur multiply in the same formula, each substituent is independently selected from the defined group;

R⁴⁴ is selected from the group H; C₂-C₁₂ alkenyl; C₁-C₁₂ alkyl or C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl each optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group morpholinyl, C₁-C₆ alkylamino, C₂-C₆ dialkylamino, pyridinyl and phenyl, each pyridinyl or phenyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group

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halogen and C_1 - C_4 alkyl; and phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or
2 substituents independently selected from the group halogen and
C ₁ -C ₆ alkyl; or

R⁴³ and R⁴⁴ are taken together to form a member selected from the group -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂- and -CH₂CH₂CH₂-;

 R^{45} is selected from the group H and C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R⁴⁶ is selected from the group H; C₁-C₆ alkoxy; C₁-C₆ haloalkyl; C₁-C₁₂ alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group OH, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, SH, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, pyridinyl, phenyl, hydroxyphenyl, morpholinyl, amino, C₁-C₆ alkylamino, C₂-C₆ dialkylamino, 3-indolyl, 4-imidazolyl, 1-methyl-4-imidazolyl, C(=O)NH₂, C(=O)OH, NH(C=NH)NH₂, and C(=NH)NH₂; and phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group halogen and C₁-C₆ alkyl; or

R⁴⁵ and R⁴⁶ are taken together to form a member selected from the group -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂-CH₂- and -CH₂CH₂CH₂-; or R⁴⁶ and R⁴⁷ are taken together to form a member selected from the group

-CH $_2$ CH $_2$ CH $_2$ -, -CH $_2$ CH $_2$ - and -CH $_2$ CH $_2$ -;

R⁴⁷ is selected from the group H, phenyl and C₁-C₁₂ alkyl; or
R⁴⁴ and R⁴⁶ are taken together to form a member selected from the group
-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-,-CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH(OH)CH₂and -CH₂CH₂OCH₂-;

R⁴⁸ is selected from the group H and C₁-C₄ alkyl; or

25 R⁴⁴ and R⁴⁸ are taken together to form a member selected from the group CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂- and -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-;

 R^{49} , R^{50} and R^{51} are independently C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

 R^{52} is selected from the group H and C_1 - C_6 alkyl; and m is 0 or an integer from 1 to 5.

The reactants X, XI and XIII may be combined in any order to produce the desired amino amide of Formula IX. When m is other than 0, the process involves a method for converting the terminal carboxylic acid, ester and lactone of di- and polypeptides to the corresponding amide.

The present invention further involves a process for the preparation of one or both peptides of Formulae XV and XVI comprising contacting an unprotected

 α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIV with a trialkylaluminum of Formula XI and an unprotected α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIIIa (compounds of Formula XIII wherein m is 0)

wherein:

R⁴⁴ is selected from the group H; C₂-C₁₂ alkenyl; C₁-C₁₂ alkyl or C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl each optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group morpholinyl, C₁-C₆ alkylamino, C₂-C₆ dialkylamino, pyridinyl and phenyl, each pyridinyl or phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group halogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl; and phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group halogen and C₁-C₆ alkyl; provided that when R⁴⁴, R⁴⁵ or R⁴⁶ occur multiply in the same formula, each substituent is independently selected from the defined group;

R⁴⁵ is selected from the group H and C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R⁴⁶ is selected from the group H; C₁-C₆ alkoxy; C₁-C₆ haloalkyl; C₁-C₁₂

alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group OH, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, SH, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, pyridinyl, phenyl, hydroxyphenyl, morpholinyl, amino, C₁-C₆

alkylamino, C_2 - C_6 dialkylamino, 3-indolyl, 4-imidazolyl, 1-methyl-4-imidazolyl, $C(=O)NH_2$, C(=O)OH, $NHC(=NH)NH_2$, and $C(=NH)NH_2$; and phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group halogen and C_1 - C_6 alkyl; or

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R⁴⁵ and R⁴⁶ are taken together to form a member selected from the group -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂- and -CH₂CH₂CH₂-; or R⁴⁶ and R⁴⁷ are taken together to form a member selected from the group -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂- and -CH₂CH₂-;

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R⁴⁷ is selected from the group H, phenyl and C₁-C₁₂ alkyl; or
R⁴⁴ and R⁴⁶ are taken together to form a member selected from the group
-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH(OH)CH₂and -CH₂CH₂OCH₂-;

R⁴⁸ is selected from the group H and C₁-C₄ alkyl; or

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R⁴⁴ and R⁴⁸ are taken together to form a member selected from the group -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂- and -CH₂CH₂CH₂-;

 R^{49} , R^{50} and R^{51} are independently C_1 - C_6 alkyl; and n is 0 or an integer from 1 to 5.

Preferred embodiments of the above process comprise processes wherein n is 0 in XIV, XV and XVI and involves:

- (a) first contacting the trialkylaluminum with the α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIV followed by contacting the mixture with an α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIIIa to produce the dipeptide of Formula XV, provided that R^{48} is H; or
- (b) first contacting the trialkylaluminum with an α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIIIa followed by contacting the mixture with an α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIV to produce the dipeptide of Formula XV; or
- (c) adding the trialkylaluminum to a mixture of compounds of Formulae XIIIa and XIV to produce one or both dipeptides of Formulae XV and XVI.

30 <u>DETAILS OF THE INVENTION</u>

Compounds of Formula I may exist as one or more stereoisomers. The various stereoisomers include enantiomers, diastereomers and geometric isomers. One skilled in the art will appreciate that one stereoisomer may be the more active. One skilled in the art knows how to separate said enantiomers, diasteriomers and geometric isomers. Accordingly, the present invention

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comprises racemic mixtures, individual stereoisomers, and optically active mixtures.

The term "monocyclic aromatic ring" is defined as those monocyclic rings which satisfy the Hückel rule, examples include: 5- or 6- membered monocyclic aromatic rings containing 0 to 4 heteroatoms such as phenyl, furyl, furazanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, oxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, imidazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, isothiazolyl, tetrazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl and triazinyl with said ring attached through any available carbon or nitrogen, for example, when the aromatic ring system is furyl, it can be 2-furyl or 3-furyl, for pyrrolyl, the aromatic ring system is 1-pyrrolyl, 2-pyrrolyl or 3-pyrrolyl, for pyridyl, the aromatic ring system is 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl or 4-pyridyl and similarly for other monocyclic aromatic rings.

The term "fused bicyclic aromatic ring" is defined as a fused bicyclic ring wherein at least one ring satisfies the Hückel rule, examples include quinolyl, isoquinolyl, quinoxalinyl, benzofuranyl, 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, isoindolyl, isobenzofuranyl, benzothienyl, benzodioxolyl, chromanyl, indolinyl, isoindolyl, naphthyl, thienofuranyl, and purinyl. As with the monocyclic aromatic rings, the fused bicyclic aromatic rings can be attached through any available carbon or nitrogen, for example, for naphthyl, the carbobicyclic aromatic ring is 1-naphthyl or 2-naphthyl and for benzofuranyl, the aromatic ring system can be 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, or 7-benzofuranyl.

In the above recitations, the term "alkyl" used either alone or in compound words such as "alkylthio" denotes straight or branched alkyl such as methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl and the different butyl, pentyl and hexyl isomers. Examples of "alkylsulfonyl" include CH₃S(O)₂, CH₃CH₂S(O)₂, CH₃CH₂CH₂S(O)₂, (CH₃)₂CHS(O)₂ and the different butylsulfonyl, pentylsulfonyl and hexylsulfonyl isomers. Alkoxy denotes methoxy, ethoxy, n-propyloxy, isopropyloxy and the different butoxy, pentoxy and hexyloxy isomers. Alkenyl denotes straight or branched chain alkenes such as vinyl, 1-propenyl, 2-propenyl and the different butenyl, pentenyl and hexenyl isomers. "Alkenyloxy" denotes straight-chain or branched alkenyloxy moieties, examples include H₂C=CHCH₂O, (CH₃)₂C=CHCH₂O, (CH₃)CH=CHCH₂O, (CH₃)CH=C(CH₃)CH=C(CH₃)CH₂O and CH₂=CHCH₂O. "Alkynyloxy" denotes straight-chain or branched alkynyloxy moieties, examples include HC=CCH₂O, CH₃C=CCH₂O and

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 $CH_3C = CCH_2CH_2O$. Cycloalkyl denotes cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl.

The term "halogen", either alone or in compound word such as "haloalkyl", denotes fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine. Further, when used in compound words such as "haloalkyl", said alkyl can be partially or fully substituted with independently selected halogen atoms. Examples of haloalkyl include CH₂CH₂F, CF₂CF₃ and CH₂CHFCl.

The total number of carbon atoms in a substituent group is indicated by the "C_i-C_j" prefix where i and j are numbers from 1 to 12. For example, C₄ alkoxy designates the various isomers of an alkoxy group containing a total of 4 carbon atoms, examples including OCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, OCH₂CH(CH₃)₂, OC(CH₃)₃.

Preferred compounds of Formula I for reasons including ease of synthesis and/or greater herbicidal efficacy are:

1. A compound of Formula I wherein

A and B are taken together as X-Y-Z;

X is CHR³; or CHR⁴CHR⁵;

Y is CHR⁶ or O;

Z is CHR⁷; CHR⁴CHR⁵; or -X-Y- or -Y-Z- is

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 R^{12} is H; C_1 - C_8 alkyl; C_1 - C_8 haloalkyl; halogen; OH; OR^{17} ; SH; $S(O)_nR^{17}$; COR^{17} ; CO_2R^{17} ; $C(O)SR^{17}$; $C(O)NR^{19}R^{20}$; CHO; CH= $CHCO_2R^{17}$; CO_2N = $CR^{21}R^{22}$; NO_2 ; CN; $NHSO_2R^{23}$; or $NHSO_2NHR^{23}$; and

R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently H; halogen; CF₃ or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

provided that only one of R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ is other than hydrogen.

2. Compounds of Preferred 1 wherein

Q is selected from the group consisting of Q-1, Q-2, Q-3, Q-4 and Q-5;

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 R^{17} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl; C_3 - C_4 alkenyl; C_3 - C_4 alkynyl; C_2 - C_4 alkoxyalkyl; C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl; C_3 - C_4 haloalkenyl or C_3 - C_4 haloalkynyl; and R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are independently H; F; CH₃ or CF₃.

3. Compounds of Preferred 2 wherein

R¹ is H; and

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R¹³ is halogen or CN.

Compounds of Preferred 3 wherein
 R² is CO₂R³⁴ or CONR³⁵R³⁶; and
 R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently H or F.

Specifically preferred is a compound of Preferred 4 which is: ethyl 2-(4-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)octahydro-1oxoimidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-3-carboxylate.

The compounds represented by Formula I can be prepared according to the methods illustrated below in Schemes 1-8. The definitions of A, B, G, W, X, Y, Z, and R¹ through R³⁸ in the compounds of Formula I - VIII below are as defined above in the Summary of the Invention. Compounds of Formula Ia - Ih are within the defintion of compounds of Formula I.

Compounds of Formula Ia wherein R^{40} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl may be prepared by condensing amides of Formula II with dihalides or carbonyl compounds of Formula III as illustrated in Scheme 1. Compounds of Formula Ia are compounds of Formula I wherein R^1 is other than halogen.

Scheme 1

 $R^{40} = R^1$ other than halogen;

X¹ and X² are independently F, Br, Cl, or I; or

X¹ and X² can be taken together along with the carbon to which they are attached to form C=O.

When the compound of Formula III is an aldehyde or ketone (X^1 and X^2 are taken together with the attached carbon to form C=O), amides of Formula II are condensed with the carbonyl compound in the presence of sodium hydroxide in water at a temperature between 0° and 25°C using the procedures described by D. A. Johnson in *J. Org. Chem.*, (1966), 31, 897.

When the compound of Formula III is a dihalide (X^1 and X^2 are halogens), the condensation is conducted in the presence of a base by heating the mixture of

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II and III in an inert solvent. Preferred dihalides of Formula III are ethyl bromofluoroacetate and ethyl bromodifluoroacetate. Examples of suitable bases include alkali salts of carbonate, such as potassium, sodium and lithium, and hydride bases such as sodium hydride. Examples of inert solvents include ethers such as diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran and dioxane; esters such as ethyl acetate; amides such as dimethylformamide; and acetonitrile. Although the cyclization of compounds of Formula II with dihalides of Formula III proceeds at room temperature, the reaction is preferably performed by heating above room temperature.

Once the reaction is complete, the reaction mixture is diluted with an organic solvent and washed with water. Evaporation of the solvent affords the crude imidazolinone of Formula Ia which can be purified by chromatography or recrystallization.

Dihalides, aldehydes and ketones of Formula III can be prepared by known methods and many are commercially available. For example, see March, J. Advanced Organic Chemistry; 3rd ed., John Wiley: New York, 1985.

Compounds of Formula I wherein R^1 is halogen can also be prepared using the procedure as outlined in Scheme 2. In this instance, X^1 and X^2 are halogens as indicated in the compounds of Formula IIIa.

Scheme 2

X¹ and X² are independently F, Br, Cl, or I;

Some compounds of Formula II, compounds of Formula IIa, can be prepared as outlined in Scheme 3. Compounds of Formula IIa are compounds of Formula II wherein G is CH or C(C₁-C₄ alkyl) and W is O. The ester or acid of Formula V wherein R³⁹ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl, or benzyl, (e.g., proline, pipecolinic, or valine acid or esters), is reacted with a substituted-phenyl amine of Formula IV and a trialkylaluminum reagent (e.g., trimethylaluminum),

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in a non-coordinating solvent such as an aromatic hydrocarbon (e.g., benzene and toluene) or halogenated hydrocarbon (e.g., methylene chloride, chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, and dichlorobutane) to obtain an amide of Formula IIa. Generally, the reaction requires 0.1 to 48 h at a temperature of 0° to 25°C to proceed to completion. The amides of Formula IIa are isolated by extraction into an organic solvent, aqueous wash, and removal of the solvent *in vacuo*. Purification can be accomplished by chromatography or recrystallization.

Scheme 3

 $R^{39} = H$, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, phenyl, or benzyl $G^1 = CH$ or $C(C_1$ - C_6 alkyl)

Alternatively, amides of Formula IIa can be generated using conventional 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) procedures for coupling N-protected compounds of Formula Va with amines of Formula IV followed by removal of the protecting group according to the procedures outlined by Bodanszky, M. in *Principles of Peptide Synthesis*, Volume 16, Springer-Verlag, New York, (1984) (Scheme 4).

Scheme 4

P = N-protecting group $G^1 = CH$ or $C(C_1-C_6$ alkyl)

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α-Amino esters and acids of Formulae V and Va can be prepared by known methods and many are commercially available. See for example, R. M. Williams in Synthesis of Optically Active α-Amino Acids, Vol. 27, Pergamon, New York: (1989). Substituted-phenyl amines of Formula IV can also be prepared by known methods. For example, the synthesis of amines of Formula IV wherein Q is Q-1, Q-4, Q-5, and Q-8 is described in U.S. 4,902,335. The synthesis of amines wherein Q is Q-2 and Q-3 can be prepared as described in U.S. 5,053,071 or by well known modifications thereof. The amines of Formula Q-6 and Q-7 can be prepared by well known functional group transformations of known phenyl derivatives.

Amides of Formula II wherein G is N, compounds of Formula IIb, can be prepared according to the method outlined in Scheme 5. Hydrazines of Formula VI are reacted with an isocyanate (W = O) or isothiocyanate (W = S) of Formula VII in an inert solvent such as methylene chloride at about 0° to 80°C. The isocyanates and isothiocyanates are prepared by known methods from the appropriate aniline (see EP-A-448,188). Many hydrazines of Formula VI are known and others can be prepared by known methods.

Scheme 5

Alternatively, some compounds of Formula I (compounds of Formula Id) may be prepared by transforming the nature of the R² group of imidazolinones of Formula Ic (Scheme 6). Compounds of Formula Id are compounds of Formula I wherein W is O and R² is methyl optionally substituted with one or more halogens, OR⁸, CN, COR⁹, CO₂R³¹ or CONR³²R³³; CN; CO₂R³⁴; CONR³⁵R³⁶; S(O)_nR⁸; or S(O)_nNR⁸R¹⁹. Compounds of Formula Ic are compounds of Formula I wherein W is O and R² is CO₂Et and may be prepared by the methods illustrated in Schemes 1 and 2.

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Scheme 6

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 & O \\$$

 R^{41} = methyl optionally substituted with halogens, OR^8 , CN, COR^9 , CO_2R^{31} , or $CONR^{32}R^{33}$; CN; CO_2R^{34} ; $CONR^{35}R^{36}$; $S(O)_nR^8$; $S(O)_nNR^{19}R^8$; or COR^{37}

The ester of Formula Ic is hydrolyzed with sodium hydroxide in solvent such as methanol or ethanol at about 0° to 50°C to provide the corresponding carboxylic acid. The acid can be converted to the corresponding ester ($R^{41} = CO_2R^{34}$) or the amide ($R^{41} = CONR^{35}R^{36}$) of Formula Id by treatment with thionyl chloride or oxalyl chloride to form the acid chloride followed by treatment with the appropriate alcohol R^{34} -OH or amine H-NR³⁵R³⁶, respectively.

Treatment of the acid chloride with ammonia produces the unsubstituted amide, $R^{41} = CONH_2$, which can be dehydrated by conventional procedures to form the nitrile, $R^{41} = CN$.

Alternatively, esterification of the carboxylic acid can be be achieved by reacting the acid with an appropriate alkyl halide in the presence of a base such as potassium carbonate in an inert solvent such as dimethylformamide at about 0° to 60°C to give the ester of Formula Id (R⁴¹=CO₂R³⁴).

The amide of compound Id (R²=CONR³⁵R³⁶), can also be obtained by conventional 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) coupling between the carboxylic acid and the appropriate amine H-NR³⁵R³⁶. The DCC coupling procedure is described by Bodanszky, M. and Bodanszky, A; in *The Practice of Peptide Synthesis*, Vol. 21; Springer-Verlag, New York: (1984).

Reduction of the carboxylic acid or ester with a reducing agent such as lithium aluminum hydride in solvent such as terahydrofuran at 0° to 80°C produces the corresponding alcohol, a compound of Formula Id wherein R^{41} = CH_2OH .

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Treatment of the alcohol with an R⁸-halide, in the presence of a base, such as potassium carbonate, in an inert solvent, such as acetonitrile, produces compounds of Formula Id wherein R⁴¹ is CH₂OR⁸.

Other R⁴¹ substituents are also derivable from the CO₂Et group in compounds of Formula Ic using known functional group transformations.

Imidazolinones of Formula I wherein R¹ and R² are taken together, compounds of Formula II, are prepared as illustrated in Scheme 7. Amides of Formula II are treated with ketene dithioacetals of Formula VIII to form imidazolinones of Formula Ig. The reaction occurs in the presence of triethylamine or sodium methoxide/ethoxide in ethanol or methanol at reflux according to the procedure outlined by Z. T. Huang et al. in *Synth. Commun.*, (1991), 21, 1177-1187. The ketene dithioacetals of Formula VIII are known or can be prepared by known methods.

The ester group in imidazolinones of Formula Ig can be hydrolyzed to the corresponding carboxylic acid as described previously (see Scheme 6). The acid can then be converted to other esters or to amides using well-known procedures and discussed above to give compounds of Formula Ih.

Scheme 7

$$R^{39} = H, CH_3, \text{ or } C_2H_5$$

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In addition to the methods described above, compounds of Formula I wherein W = S (If) can be obtained from the corresponding compound of Formula I wherein W = O (Ie) by treatment with Lawesson's reagent (2,4-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dithia-2,4-diphosphetane-2,4-disulfide, Scheme 8). If the imidazolinone of Formula Ie contains a second carbonyl group, one skilled in the art recognizes that protection of said carbonyl group may be required. See Greene, T. W. and Wuts, P. G. M.; Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, 2nd Ed.; John Wiley & Sons, Inc.; New York, (1980) for suitable protecting groups. The thionation is performed in an inert solvent such as benzene, toluene, or chloroform at room temperature to 115°C according to the method of S.O. Lawesson et al. in Nouv. J. Chim., (1980), 4, 47.

Scheme 8

The process for the preparation of amides of Formula IX and peptides of Formulae XV and XVI is described below.

One skilled in the art will recognize that some amides of Formula IX are the amide intermediates of Formula II used in the preparation of the imidazolones of Formula I. Some compounds of Formula II are some compounds of Formula IX wherein R⁴³ is Q, R⁴⁴ is H, R⁴⁶ is A, m is 0, R⁴⁴ is B, and R⁴⁸ is H. Therefore, the process described hereinafter can be used to prepare imidazolones of Formula I.

The term α -amino defines an amino group, NH₂, or its hydrogen halide salt, attached to the α -carbon of a carboxylic acid, ester or lactone. The nitrogen atom of the amino group can optionally be substituted or is part of a cyclic ring containing 5 to 6 atoms. The term unprotected is defined to mean that no synthetic manipulation is required to functionalize (protect) the α -amino group of the acid, ester or lactone prior to contact with the trialkylaluminum and amine. Protection of the α -amino moiety is normally required in the synthetic manipulation of α -amino acids to (i) overcome undesired product formation

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resulting from the unwanted participation of the α -amino moiety in the reaction and/or (ii) loss of configurational integrity at the carbon bearing the α -amino moiety. The loss of configurational integrity is defined to mean substantial racemization when the starting α -amino acid, ester or lactone is chiral at the carbon bearing the α -amino moiety. The term chiral when applied to the α -amino acid, ester or lactone is defined to mean enantiomerically pure, that is, consists of a single enantiomer, or enriched in one enantiomer. That is, the chiral molecules are optically active. Typical N-protecting groups used in α -amino acid manipulations, particularly for the synthesis of α -amino amides from α -amino acids, include forming carbamates, formamides, acetamides, benzamides or cyclic derivatives (using phosgene). For a discussion of the protection of amino groups see Greene, T. W. and Wuts, P. G. M., Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, 2nd Ed.; John Wiley & Sons, Inc.: New York, (1991).

In a preferred embodiment of the process of the present invention, the desired amine is first converted to an aluminum amide of Formula XII by treatment of the amine in a non-coordinating solvent such as benzene, chlorobutane, 1,2-dichloroethane, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, hexane, acetonitrile, toluene or methylene chloride with a trialkylaluminum at a temperature of about -10°C to about 150°C. The resultant aluminum amide which is not isolated is treated at a temperature of about -10°C to about 150°C with the free base or hydrogen halide salt of an α -amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone to yield the corresponding α -amino amide. A representative reaction is shown in Equations 1 and 2 of Scheme 9.

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Scheme 9

1)
$$R^{43}$$
 R^{44} R^{49} R^{50} R^{51} R^{50} R^{51} R^{50} R^{51} R^{50} R^{51} R^{50} R^{51} R^{44} R^{45} R^{45} R^{45} R^{46} R^{45} R^{46} R^{44} R^{45} R^{46} R^{45} R^{46} R^{44} R^{45} R^{46} R^{45} R^{45} R^{46} R^{45}

wherein R^{43} , R^{44} , R^{45} , R^{46} , R^{47} , R^{48} , R^{49} , R^{50} , R^{51} and m are as defined above in the corresponding Formulae. A preferred embodiment of the process illustrated in Scheme 9 involves compounds XIII and IX wherein m is 0. A more preferred process is that in which m is 0 and the α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIII is optically active.

The amines (X) and the α -amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactones (XIII) are known or easily prepared by known methods or by the method of the present invention. Trialkylaluminum reagents of Formula XI are commercially available or easily prepared by known methods. The process of the present invention is particularly advantageous when the α -amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone is chiral, as no detectable racemization occurs. Thus, the process of the present invention is an improvement over known methods in its simple (one-pot) procedure for converting an α -amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone, without protection of the α -amino group, while maintaining the configurational integrity of the starting α -amino containing substrate.

In one example of the process of the present invention, an amine of Formula X is dissolved or suspended in a non-coordinating solvent such as benzene, chlorobutane, 1,2-dichloroethane, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, hexane, acetonitrile, toluene or methylene chloride. A solution of 1-4 molar equivalents

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added to the amine solution at 0°C. The resultant mixture containing the aluminum amide is allowed to warm to room temperature and is stirred for 0.1 to 48 hours. The mixture is then cooled to 5-10°C, treated with the α -amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIII and allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 0.1 to 72 hours. Isolation of the amino amide (IX) yields a product with no detectable loss of stereochemical integrity.

Alternatively, the order of addition of the reactants can be reversed when m is 0. The α-amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIII is dissolved or suspended in one of the organic solvents listed above and treated with 1-4 molar equivalents of a trialkylaluminum (e.g., trimethylaluminum in hexane) at 0°C. After warming the resulting mixture to room temperature, stirring for 0.1 to 48 hours, and subsequent cooling to 5-10°C, the mixture is then treated with the amine of Formula X. Again, the amino amide (IX) which forms after 0.1 to 72 hours at room temperature undergoes no detectable loss of stereochemical integrity.

A third method of performing the process of the present invention is to add the trialkylaluminum to a cooled mixture of the α -amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIII and amine of Formula X in a non-coordinating solvent. The mixture is warmed to room temperature and stirred for 0.1 to 72 hours. Once again, isolation of the amino amide (IX) yields a product with no detectable racemization.

When the starting amine is an α -amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone, that is, a compound of Formula XIV, one skilled in the art will recognize the present process as a convenient procedure for making di- and polypeptides of Formulae XV and XVI (see Scheme 10)

Scheme 10

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wherein R⁴⁴, R⁴⁵, R⁴⁶, R⁴⁷, R⁴⁸, R⁴⁹, R⁵⁰, R⁵¹ and n are as defined above in the corresponding Formulae.

A preferred embodiment of the process illustrated in Scheme 10 involves compounds of Formula XIV wherein n is 0. In these cases, two α -amino acids, esters or lactones react to form one or more dipeptides of Formulae XV and XVI. The order of addition of the reactants influences whether one or both dipeptides are formed, and when one dipeptide is formed, whether the structure is of Formula XV or XVI. Another preferred embodiment of the process illustrated in Scheme 10 involves an α -amino carboxylic acid, ester, or lactone of Formula XIIIa which is optically active. Also preferred is the process involving an optically active α -amino carboxylic acid, ester, or lactone of Formula XIV. A more preferred embodiment involves α -amino carboxylic acids, esters, or lactones of Formulae XIIIa and XIV which are both optically active.

In an example of the process illustrated in Scheme 10, an α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIIIa is dissolved or suspended in a non-coordinating solvent such as benzene, chlorobutane, 1,2-dichloroethane, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, hexane, acetonitrile, toluene or methylene chloride. A solution of 1-4 molar equivalents (depending on the nature of the amine) of trimethylaluminum in hexane is slowly added to the amine solution at 0°C. The resultant mixture containing the aluminum amide is allowed to warm to room temperature and is stirred for 0.1 to 48 hours. The mixture is then cooled to 5-10°C, treated with the α -amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIV and allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 0.1 to 72 hours. Isolation of the compound of Formulae XV or XVI, or both XV and XVI, yields a di- or polypeptide with no detectable loss of stereochemical integrity.

Scheme 11 illustrates the process of the present invention for the preparation of dipeptides of Formula XV (n is 0).

Scheme 11

$$R^{49}$$
 R^{47}
 R^{46}
 R^{46}
 R^{46}
 R^{46}
 R^{47}
 R^{46}
 R^{47}
 R^{48}
 R^{48}

In Equation 1, a trialkylaluminum reagent of Formula XI is first contacted with an α-amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIV to form the (α-amino carboxylic acid, ester, or lactone):alkylaluminum complex of Formula XVII. In Equation 2, this complex is then reacted with an α-amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIIIa (provided R⁴⁸ is H) to afford the dipeptide product of Formula XV (n is 0).

Scheme 12 illustrates the process of the present invention for the preparation of dipeptides of Formula XVI (n is 0).

1)
$$R^{49}$$
 R^{45} R^{45} R^{46} R^{45}

In Equation 1, a trialkylaluminum of Formula XI is first contacted with an α -amino carboxylic acid, ester, or lactone of Formula XIIIa to form an (α -amino carboxylic acid, ester, or lactone):alkylaluminum complex of Formula XVIII. As illustrated in Equation 2, this complex is then reacted with an α -amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIV to afford the dipeptide product of Formula XVI (n = 0).

The dipeptide product of Formula XV (n is 0) can be further processed by treatment with a trialkylaluminum of Formula XI and an α-amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIIIa (the same or different from the compound

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of Formula XIIIa in Scheme 11) to provide one or both of the tripeptide products of Formulae XV and XVI (n is 1 in each). This sequence is the same as that illustrated in Scheme 10 wherein the dipeptide product of Formula XV is now the reactant of Formula XIV wherein n is 1. The relative amounts of tripeptide products XV and XVI will be determined by the order of addition of the reactants XI, XIIIa, and XIV, and the particular identities of R⁴⁴, R⁴⁵, R⁴⁶, R⁴⁷, and R⁴⁸.

In a similar manner, the dipeptide product of Formula XVI (n is 0) can be further processed to tripeptides of Formulae XV and XVI (n is 1 in each), provided that at least one of R⁴⁴ and R⁴⁸ on the terminal nitrogen of XVI is H. The dipeptide of Formula XVI is treated with a trialkylaluminum and an α-amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIIIa (the same or different from the compound of Formula XIIIa in Scheme 12). This process is also illustrated in Scheme 10 wherein the dipeptide product of Formula XVI is now the reactant of Formula XIV wherein n is 1 and R⁴⁸ is H. As in the process involving the dipeptide of Formula XV as the reactant, the relative amounts of tripeptide products XV and XVI is determined by the order of addition of the reactants XI, XIIIa, and XIV, and the particular identities of R⁴⁴, R⁴⁵, R⁴⁶, R⁴⁷, and R⁴⁸.

The coupling procedure can continue to yield higher peptides simply by repeating the process illustrated in Scheme 10. That is, treatment of a peptide of Formula XIV containing (n+1) amino acid residues with a trialkylaluminum reagent of Formula XII and an α -amino carboxylic acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIIIa affords one or both peptides of Formulae XV and XVI containing (n+2) amino acid residues. In this manner, the present process allows for the convenient preparation of peptides with varying numbers of amino acid residues per molecule. Side products can form in this process from the reaction of the aluminum complex of Formula XV or XVI with itself rather than with XIIIa.

The process illustrated in Scheme 10 is particularly useful for the preparation of di- and polypeptides wherein the peptide residues are identical. For example, when the compound of Formula XIIIa in Scheme 10 is the same as the compound of Formula XIV the resulting dipeptide comprises two identical amino acid residues. In these cases, the dipeptide is a compound of Formulae XV and XVI. A convenient method of carrying out this process is to add the trialkylaluminum to a solution or suspension containing all of the α-amino carboxylic acid, ester, or lactone. The side product reaction of the aluminum

complexes (XVII or XVIII) reacting with themselves also produces the desired product, hence, undesired side product formation is minimized.

The products of the present process invention are useful intermediates for the preparation of pharmaceuticals, the compounds of Formula I, and other agricultural chemicals.

The following Examples further illustrate the invention.

EXAMPLE 1

Ethyl 2-[4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-[(1-methylethoxy)phenyl]]hexahydro-1-oxo-3H-imidazo[5,1-c][1,4]oxazine-3-carboxylate

10 Step A: 4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-(1-methylethoxy)aniline

A stirring mixture of 5-amino-2-chloro-4-fluorophenol (22.0 g, 136.19 mmol), 2-bromopropane (38.4 mL, 50.25 g, 408.57 mmol) and potassium carbonate (37.6 g, 273.0 mmol) was heated at reflux for 17 h. The reaction mixture was cooled and filtered. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography yielded the title compound of Step A as a brown oil (17.2 g). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.02 (d,1H), 6.44 (d,1H) 4.38 (q,1H), 3.81 (br s,2H), 1.33 (d,6H). IR (cm⁻¹): 3378.4, 3475.6.

Step B: <u>N-[4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-(1-methylethoxy)phenyl]morpholine-3-carboxamide</u>

To a stirring solution of 4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-(1-methylethoxy)aniline (15.52 g, 76.26 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), under nitrogen at 0°C (ice-bath) was added dropwise trimethylaluminum (114.4 mL, 228.78 mmol). The mixture was then stirred overnight at room temperature. 3-Morpholinecarboxylic acid (10.0 g, 76.20 mmol) was added portionwise at room temperature. The resultant reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 days. 6N HCl was added dropwise to the reaction mixture at 0°C (ice-bath). The solid formed was filtered off and suspended in water (100 mL). The suspension was basicified with 50% aqueous NaOH to pH 13. 400 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added. The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed under vacuum to give the title compound of Step B as a white solid (10.5 g), m.p. 99-101°C. ¹H NMR: δ 9.30 (br s, 1H), 8.17 (d, 1H), 7.14 (d, 1H), 4.53 (q, 1H), 3.96-3.61 (m, 5H), 3.00-3.01 (m, 2H), 1.37 (d, 6H).

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Step C: Ethyl 2-[4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-[(1-methylethoxy)phenyl]]hexahydro-1-oxo-3H-imidazo[5.1-c][1.4]oxazine-3-carboxylate

The mixture of product of Step B (2.5 g, 7.89 mmol), ethyl bromofluoroacetate (2.9 g, 15.78 mmol) and potassium carbonate

5 (2.2 g, 16.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (100 mL) was heated at reflux for 17 h. The reaction mixture was filtered. The filtrate was removed under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography yielded the title compound of Step C as a yellow oil (400 mg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.24 (d,1H), 7.18 (d,1H), 4.99 (s,1H), 4.50-4.22 (m,4H), 3.95-3.88 (m,2H), 3.75-3.62 (m,2H), 3.06 (m,2H), 1.37 (d,6H), 1.25 (t,3H).

EXAMPLE 2

Ethyl 2-[4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-(1-methylethoxy)phenyl]octahydro-1-oxoimidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-3-carboxylate

Step A: <u>N-[4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-(1-methylethoxy)phenyl]piperidine-2-carboxamide</u>,

The product of Example 1, Step A (4.25 g, 26.37 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL). A solution of 2.0 M trimethylaluminum (52.75 mmol) was added dropwise under nitrogen at 0°C. The resultant mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Ethyl pipecolinate (4.15 g) was added dropwise to the mixture and the mixture was stirred for 2 days. To the reaction mixture 6N HCl (100 mL) was added dropwise at 0°C. 200 mL of H₂O was added, followed by the addition of 150 mL of methylene chloride. The aqueous layer was separated and basicified to pH 10 with 50% aqueous NaOH. 500 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added. The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated to dryness under vacuum to give the title compound of Step A as a white solid, 4.7 g. m.p. 96-98°C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 9.25 (br s,1H), 8.17 (d,1H), 7.13 (d,1H) 4.58 (m,1H), 3.20 (M,1H), 3.10 (m,1H), 2.79 (m,1H), 2.00 (m,1H), 1.89 (m,2H), 1.60-1.40 (m,4H), 1.36 (d,6H).

Step B: Ethyl 2-[4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-(1-methylethoxy)phenyl]octahydro-1-oxoimidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-3-carboxylate

A mixture of potassium carbonate (724 mg, 5.24 mmol), ethyl bromofluoroacetate (882 mg, 4.76 mmol) and the product of Step A (1.5 g, 4.76 mmol) in acetonitrile (50 mL) was heated at reflux overnight. 100 mL of H₂O and 200 mL of ethyl acetate were added to the mixture. The organic layer was separated, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and evaporated under vacuum to dryness.

Flash chromatography yielded the title compound of Step B as a white solid (400 mg) m.p. 83-85°C. 1 H NMR δ 7.21 (d,1H), 7.18 (d,1H), 4.92 (s,1H), 4.50 (m,1H), 4.16-4.09 (m,2H), 3.29 (m,1H), 2.95 (m,1H), 2.50 (m,1H), 2.10 (m,1H), 1.96 (m,1H), 1.80-1.58 (m,2H), 1.37 (d,6H), 1.35 (t,3H).

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EXAMPLE 3

2-[4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-(1-methylethoxy)phenyl]hexahydro-

1-oxo-3H-imidazo[5,1-c][1,4]oxazine-3-carboxylic acid

A mixture of 1N NaOH (9.36 mmol, 9.4 mL) and the product of Example 1 (2.5 g, 6.24 mmol) in ethanol was stirred at room temperature for 40 minutes. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to remove most of the ethanol solvent. The remaining aqueous solution was acidified with concentrated hydrochloric acid to pH 2. Diethyl ether (200 mL) was added. The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO₄, and evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure to give the title compound as a yellow-white solid (1.59 g), m.p. 59-61°C. IR (nujol, cm⁻¹), C=O (1729.9), OH (3300-3500, broad). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.20-7.18 (m,2H), 5.50 (br s,1H), 5.20 (s,1H), 4.88-4.45 (m,2H), 3.91-3.80 (m,2H), 3.74-3.72 (m,2H), 3.20-3.15 (m,1H), 1.37-1.24 (m,6H).

EXAMPLE 4

3-Methylbutyl 2-[4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-(1-methylethoxy)phenyl]hexahydro-1-oxo-3H-imidazo [5,1-c][1,4] oxazine-3-carboxylate

A mixture of 1-bromo-3-methylbutane (0.14 mL, 1.2 mmol), K_2CO_3 (167 mg, 1.2 mmol), and the product of Example 3 (300 mg, 0.8 mmol) in dimethyl formamide (2 mL) was stirred under nitrogen at room temperature overnight. Flash chromatography of the reaction mixture provided the title compound as a clear oil (162 mg). IR (neat, cm⁻¹), C=O (1741.9). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.20-7.18 (m,2H), 5.00 (s,1H), 4.53-4.52 (m,1H), 4.36-4.29 (d,1H), 4.23-4.19 (m,2H), 3.93-3.83 (m,2H), 3.74-3.64 (br,2H), 3.15-3.12 (m,2H), 1.60-1.43 (m,3H), 1.39-1.36 (t,6H), 0.89-0.86 (t,6H).

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EXAMPLE 5

Ethyl 2-(4-ethyl-7-fluoro-3,4-dihydro-3-oxo-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-6-yl)hexahydro-3-oxo-1H-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,2-a]pyridazine-1-carboxylate

Step A: Hexahydropyridazine dihydroiodide

To a solution of 5% rhodium on alumina powder (3.0 g) in ethyl acetate (125 mL), diethyl 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrazine-1,2-carboxylate (30.00 g,

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31.6 mmol) was added under nitrogen. The mixture was pressurized with hydrogen (2.75 x 10⁵ Pa) and shaken on a Parr hydrogenator for 20 h. Chloroform (100 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and then the mixture was filtered through a Celite[®] bed. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to obtain a clear oil (28.1 g). Without further purification, 10.0 g (43.4 mmol) of the crude product was dissolved in chloroform (150 mL). Trimethylsilyl iodide (17.3 g, 24.3 mmol) was added dropwise under nitrogen. The resultant reaction mixture was gradually heated to 60°C and kept at 60°C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to room temperature and treated with methanol (5.5 g) over a 10 minute period. The reaction mixture was then evaporated under reduced pressure to dryness to give the title compound of Step A as a thick yellow oil (8.3 g). IR (neat, cm⁻¹) N-H (3180). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.20-6.8 (br,2H), 3.39 (br,4H), 1.94 (br,4H).

Step B: N-(4-ethyl-6-fluoro-3,4-dihydro-3-oxo-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-7-yl)tetrahydro-1(2H)-pyridazinecarboxamide

To a stirring solution of the crude product of Example 5, Step A (1.80 g, 8.46 mmol) in methylene chloride (100 mL) was added triethylamine (3.0 g) dropwise under nitrogen at room temperature. Then, the mixture was stirred for 5 minutes. A solution of 4-ethyl-6-fluoro-3,4-dihydro-3-oxo-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-7-isocyanate (2.0 g, 8.46 mmol) in methylene chloride (20 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture at 5°C. The resultant mixture was allowed to stir at ambient temperature overnight. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure followed by flash chromatography gave the title compound of Step B as a white solid (1.3 g), m.p. 66-68°C. IR (nujol, cm⁻¹) N-H 3238, 3397), C=O (1650, 1681). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 300 MHz): δ 8.80 (br,1H), 7.92-7.90 (d,1H), 7.20-7.18 (d,1H), 5.25-5.00 (m,1H), 4.62 (br,2H), 3.90-3.80 (m,2H), 3.55-3.40 (br,1H), 2.90-2.81(br,2H), 2.70-2.69 (br,1H), 1.57-1.52 (br,4H), 1.19-1.51 (br,4H).

Step C: Ethyl 2-(4-ethyl-6-fluoro-3,4-dihydro-3-oxo-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-7-yl)hexahydro-3-oxo-1H-[1,2,4]triazolo[1,2-a]pyridazine-1-carboxylate

Using the procedure of Example 2, Step B and employing 1.9 g (10.23 mmol) of ethyl bromofluoroacetate, potassium carbonate (1.41 g, 10.23 mmol) and 1.0 g, (3.41 mmol) of the product of Example 5, Step B, the title compound was obtained as a white solid (410 mg), m.p. 59-61°C. IR

(nujol, cm⁻¹), C=O (1725.6). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz), δ 7.45-7.42 (d,1H), 6.78-6.74 (d,1H), 5.02 (s,1H), 4.58 (s,2H), 4.19-4.16 (m,2H), 4.04-3.96 (m,3H), 3.06-3.05 (m,1H), 3.03-3.02 (m,2H), 1.88-187 (m,1H), 1.65-1.60 (m,4H), 1.32-1.21 (m,6H).

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EXAMPLE 6

Ethyl 2-[4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-[(2-propynyl)oxy]phenyl]octahydro-1-oxoimidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-3-carboxylate

Step A: 4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-[(2-propynyl)oxylaniline

Using the procedure of Example 1, Step A and employing 50.0 g (252.45 mmol) of 3-amino-6-chloro-4-fluorophenol hydrochloride, 80% propargyl bromide (60.07 g, 504.9 mmol), and potassium carbonate (69.8 g, 504.9 mmol) in acetonitrile (200 mL), the title compound was obtained as a yellow solid (16.2 g), m.p. 62-64°C. IR (nujol, cm⁻¹), NH₂ (3298.0), triple bond (2117.6). ¹H NMR was consistent with the structure.

15 Step B: <u>N-[(4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-[(2-propynyl)oxylphenyl]-2-piperidine-carboxamide</u>

Using the procedure of Example 1, Step B and employing 11.82 g of ethyl pipecolinate, 2M trimethylaluminum solution in hexane (75.2 mL, 150.3 mmol), and 15.0 g (75.2 mmol) of the product of Example 6, Step A, the title compound was obtained as a tan solid (15.0 g), m.p. 112-114°C. IR (nujol, cm-1), C=O (1696.9), NH (3237.4, 3307.9), triple bond (2125.6). 1 H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 9.25 (br,1H), 8.35-8.34 (d,1H), 7.16-7.14 (d,1H), 4.77 (s,2H), 3.42-39 (m,1H), 3.15-3.09 (m,1H), 2.81-2.75 (m,1H), 2.09-1.98 (m,1H), 1.80-1.40 (m,6H).

Step C: <u>Ethyl 2-[4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-[(2-propynyl)oxylphenyl]octahydro-1-oxoimidazo[1,5-a]pyridine-3-carboxylate</u>

Using the procedure of Example 1, Step C and employing 13.62 g (73.62 mmol) of ethyl bromofluoroacetate, 10.18 g (73.62 mmol) of potassium carbonate, and 12.0 g (36.81 mmol) of the product of Example 6, Step B, the title compound was obtained as a white solid (4.24 g, upper R_f product) and a yellow oil (6.2 g, lower R_f product). Upper R_f product: m.p. 72-75°C. IR (nujol, cm⁻¹), C=O (1742.8), triple bond (2115.3). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz), δ 7.35-7.33 (d,1H), 7.18.-7.15 (d,1H), 4.91 (br s,1H), 4.75-4.74 (br s,2H), 4.20-4.09 (m,2H), 3.30-3.20 (d,1H), 2.98-2.90 (d,1H), 2.58 (s,1H), 2.55-2.43 (m,1H), 2.19-2.12 (m,1H), 1.98-1.89 (m,1H), 1.80-50 (m,3H), 1.40-1.31 (m,1H), 1.15-1.11 (t,3H). Lower R_f product: IR (neat, cm-1), C=O (1736.6), triple bond (2115.5). ¹H

NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz), δ 7.36-7.34 (d,1H), 7.22-7.19 (d,1H), 5.09 (s,1H), 4.75-4.74 (br s,1H), 4.22-4.21 (m,2H), 4.20-4.12 (m,1H), 3.60-3.53 (m,1H), 3.10-2.98 (m,1H), 2.75-2.65 (m,1H), 2.57 (s,1H), 2.15-2.00 (m,1H), 1.80-1.60 (m,3H), 1.50-1.40 (m,1H), 1.70-1.24 (t,3H).

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EXAMPLE 7

2-[4-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-[(2-propynyl)oxylphenyl]octahydro-

1-oxoimidazol-[1.5-a]pyridine-3-carboxylic acid

Using the procedure of Example 3 and employing 4.9 g (15.03 mmol) of the lower R_f product of Example 6 and 1N NaOH (22.5 mL), the title compound was obtained as a white solid (4.13 g), m.p. 159-161°C. IR (nujol, cm⁻¹), C=O (1722.5). ¹H NMR spectrum was consistent with structure.

EXAMPLE 8

<u>N-Butyl-2-[4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-[[(2-propynyl)oxy]phenyl]octahydro-</u> 1-oxoximidazol[1,5-a]pyridine-3-carboxamide

A mixture of the product of Example 7 (400 mg, 1.34 mmol), *N*-butylamine (0.2 mL, 2.01 mmol), dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (457 mg, 2.22 mmol), and *N*,*N*-4-dimethylaminopyridine (33.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) in methylene chloride (15 mL) under nitrogen was stirred at room temperature for about 72 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to produce a dry residue. Flash chromatography yielded the title compound as a white solid (142.0 mg), m.p. 136-138°C. IR (nujol, cm⁻¹), C=O (1717.3), N-H (3301.0), triple bond (2120). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz), δ 7.27-7.25 (d,1H), 7.22-7.19 (d,1H), 5.15-5.00 (br s,1H), 4.74-4.73 (br s,2H), 3.80-3.70 (br s,1H), 3.24-3.22 (m,2H), 3.18-3.09 (br s,1H), 2.98-2.89 (br,1H), 2.58 (s,1H), 2.05-1.80 (br,2H), 1.73-1.70 (br,2H), 1.58-1.55 (br,3H), 1.48-1.46 (m,2H), 1.31-1.29 (m,2H), 0.92-0.88 (t,3H).

The following Tables illustrate the compounds of the invention that are produced by the processes of the invention.

The following abbreviations are used in the Tables which follow. All alkyl groups are the normal isomers unless indicated otherwise.

 $t = tertiary & MeO = methoxy \\ s = secondary & Ph = phenyl \\ n = normal & CN = cyano \\ i = iso & Pr = propyl \\ Me = methyl & Et = ethyl \\ \end{cases}$

TABLE 1

Compounds of Formula I wherein G=CH, W=O, Q=2-F-4-Cl-5-(i-PrO)-Ph, R ¹ =H, R ² =CO ₂ Et						
A	В	Δ	B			
CF ₃	CH ₃	CH ₂ CH ₃	n-butyl			
CH ₂ OCH ₃	Cl(CH ₂) ₄	Cl	CH ₂ CH=CHCH ₃			
(CH ₂) ₄ Cl	CH ₂ C≡CCH ₃	O(CH ₂) ₃ CH ₃	CH ₂ CH ₃			
SCH ₃	CI(CH ₂) ₄					
-CHFCHFCH ₂ -		-CH ₂ CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH(CF ₃)CH ₂ -			
-CH ₂ S	CH ₂ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₂ S(O) ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ -			
	(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ CH ₂	-CH ₂ CH ₂ N[(CH ₂) ₄ F)]CH ₂ -			
	HCICH ₂ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ C(Cl)=CHCH ₂ -			
_	H(C ₄ H ₉)CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ CH(F)CH ₂ -				
	CH ₂ CH ₂ -					

TABLE 2

Compounds of Formula I wherein Q=4-ethyl-7-fluoro-3,4-dihydro-3-oxo-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-6-yl, R²=CO₂Me, R¹=H

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A	<u>B</u>	<u>G</u>
CF ₃	CH ₃	CH
CF ₃	CH ₃	N
Et	n-butyl	CH
Et	n-butyl	N
O(CH ₂) ₃ CH ₃	CH ₂ CH ₃	CH
(CH ₂) ₃ CH ₃	(CH ₂) ₄ Cl	CH
SCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	CH ₂ CH=CHCH ₃	N
Et	n-butyl	C(CH ₃)
CF ₃	CH ₃	$C(C_4H_9)$
-CH ₂ SCH ₂ CH ₂ -		CH
-CH ₂ SCH ₂ CH ₂ -		N -
-CH ₂ CHFCHFC		CH
-CH ₂ CHFCHFC		N
-CH ₂ S(O) ₂ CH ₂ (CH
-CH ₂ S(O) ₂ CH ₂ -		N
-CH ₂ N[(CH ₂) ₄ F		СН
-CH ₂ N[(CH ₂) ₄ F		N
-CH ₂ CH(CF ₃)C		CH
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-CH ₂ CH(C ₂ H ₄ Cl)CH ₂ -	CH
-CH ₂ CH(C ₂ H ₄ Cl)CH ₂ -	N
-CH ₂ CH ₂ CHFCH ₂ -	СН
-CH ₂ CHClCH ₂ CH ₂ -	СН

TABLE 3

Compounds of Formula I wherein W=O, R¹=H, G=CH, A-B=-CH₂OCH₂CH₂-,

Q=2-F-4-C1-5-(1-PrO)-Ph, R ² =	•		
CCl ₃	CH ₂ O(2-Cl-Ph)	C(O)N(CH ₃)(CH ₂) ₃ CH ₃	C(O)N(Et)(4-Cl-Ph)	l
SO ₂ C ₃ H ₇	C(O)NHC ₃ H ₇	CH ₂ C(O)CH ₂ CH=CHCH ₃	C(O)NH(CH ₂) ₅ CH ₃	
CH ₂ CN	CH ₂ C(O)NH ₂	CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ CH ₂ CH=CHCH ₃	C(O)CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	
CH ₂ CH ₂ F	SO ₂ NHC ₂ H ₅	C(O)NH(4-OCH ₃ -3-Cl-Ph)	SO ₂ N(CH ₃)(CH ₂) ₅ CH ₃	1
CH ₂ CHCl ₂	C(O)(4-NO ₂ -Ph)	CH ₂ CH ₂ C(O)CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	CH ₂ CH ₂ CN	
CFo	C(O)NHCzH	CN		

TABLE 4

Compounds of Formula I wherein W=S, R¹=H, G=N, A-B=-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, O=2-Cl-4-Cl-5-(HC=CCH₂O)-phenyl, R²=

Q=2 61 (61 5 (116=661126) phonys, x =					
CH ₂ CH ₂ O(CH ₂) ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	CO ₂ Me	CF ₃	CO ₂ (n-butyl)	CO ₂ (n-hexyl)	
CO ₂ (4-NO ₂ -2-CH ₃ -Ph)	СН ₂ СН ₃	CN	CO ₂ (i-Pr)	CO ₂ CH ₂ CH=CHCH ₃	
SO ₂ N(CH ₂)[CH ₂ CH(Et) ₂]			C(O)(4-F-Ph)		

TABLE 5

Compounds of Formula I wherein W=S, $R^{\overline{1}}$ =H, G=CH, A-B=-CH₂CH₂CH₂-, Q=5,7-dichloro-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-4-yl, R^{2} =

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İ	CO ₂ (n-pentyl)	C(O)NH ₂	C(O)NHCH ₂ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	C(O)N(CH ₃)C ₆ H ₅

TABLE 6

Compounds of Formula I wherein W=O, Q=2-F-4-Cl-5-(i-PrO)-Ph, R¹ and R² are taken together to form =CHCO2Et.

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<u>G</u>	A	<u>B</u>	G	A	<u>B</u>	
N	CF ₃ CH ₂	$CH(CH_3)_2$	СН	CH ₂ CH ₃	n-butyl	
CH	CF ₃ CH ₂	$CH(CH_3)_2$	N	S(CH ₂) ₃ CH ₃	$(CH_2)_4Cl$	
N	CH ₂ CH ₃	n-butyl	СН	$S(CH_2)_3CH_3$	(CH ₂) ₄ Cl	
N	-CH ₂ OCH ₂ CH ₂ -		N	-CH ₂ CH ₂	CH ₂ -	
CH	-CH ₂ OC	CH ₂ CH ₂ -	СН	-CH ₂ CH=	-CHCH ₂ -	
N	-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ -		СН	-CH ₂ S(O)	₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ -	
CH	-СН ₂ СН	I ₂ СН ₂ СН ₂ -	СН	-CH2CHCICHCICH2-		
СН	-CHaN(CH ₂)CH ₂ CH ₂				

TABLE 7

Compounds of Formula I wherein W=O, Q=2-F-4-Cl-Ph, G=CH, R^1 and R^2 are taken together to form =C(CH₃)CON(C₂H₅)(2-Cl-4-MeO-Ph)

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	A	<u>B</u>	
CF ₃	Et	CH ₂ C≡CCH ₃	CI(CH ₂) ₄	
i-Pr	CH ₂ C≡CCH ₃	OCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	n-propyl	
-CI	H ₂ OCH ₂ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ -		
-CI	H ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ CH(F)CH ₂ -		
-CI	H ₂ N(C ₃ H ₇)CH ₂ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ S(O) ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ -		
-CI	H ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ -	-CH ₂ CH(C)CH ₂ CH ₂ -	
-CF	H ₂ SCH ₂ CH ₂ -			

TABLE 8

Compounds of Formula I wherein W=S, Q=5,7-dichloro-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-4-yl, G=CH, R^1 and R^2 are taken together to form =C(Et)CO $_2$ C $_2$ H $_5$

A	B	A	<u>B</u>	A	<u>B</u>
CH ₂ CH ₂ CI	i-Pr	CH ₂ CH ₂ S	CH ₃	CH ₂ CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	CH ₂ CH ₃
CH ₂ C≡CCH ₃	i-butyl	CH ₂ CF ₂ CF ₃	CH ₂ CF ₂ CF ₃		
-CH ₂ OCH ₂ CH ₂ -		-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ -		-CH ₂ N(n-butyl)CH ₂ CH ₂ -
-СH ₂ СH ₂ СH ₂ -		-CH ₂ CHFCH ₂ -		-CH ₂ CH(C ₂ H ₂	5)CH ₂ -

TABLE 9

Compounds of Formula I wherein G=CH, R^2 = $CO_2C_2H_5$, Q=4-Cl-2-F-5-(i-PrO)-Ph, A-B=-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-,

<u>R</u> 1	w	R^{1}	$\underline{\mathbf{w}}$	<u>R</u> 1	$\underline{\mathbf{w}}$	<u>R</u> 1	$\underline{\mathbf{w}}$	<u>R</u> 1	$\underline{\mathbf{w}}$
CH ₃	0	СН3	S	F	O	F	S	Cl	0
$CI(CH_2)_4$	О	CI(CH ₂) ₄	S	n-butyl	O	n-butyl	S	CI	S

TABLE 10

Compounds of Formula I wherein G=CH, W=O, R²=C(O)N(Et)(4-NO₂-Ph), A-B=-CH₂OCH₂CH₂-, Q=4-ethyl-7-fluoro-3,4-dihydro-3-oxo-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-6-yl, R¹=

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F		Cl	CI(CH ₂) ₄	Br	СН3	

TABLE 11

Compounds of Formula I wherein W=O, R^1 =H, R^2 =CO $_2$ Et, A-B=-CH $_2$ OCH $_2$ CH $_2$ -, Q=2- R^{11} -4- R^{13} -5- R^{12} -Ph,

<u>R¹¹</u>	<u>R¹²</u>	R ¹³	<u>R¹¹</u>	R ¹²	R ¹³
F	CH ₃	Cl .	F	C(O)N(Me)Et	Cl
F	n-C ₅ H ₁₁	Cl	F	NO ₂	Cl

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F	Br .	Cl	F	C(O)H	Cl
F	CH(CH ₃)C ₂ H ₅	Cl	F	ОН	Cl
F	OC ₃ H ₇	Cl	F	$N(CH_3)(n-C_6H_{11})$	Cl
F	OCH[-(CH ₂) ₅ -]	Cl	F	NHSO ₂ NH(n-butyl)	Cl
F	SO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	Cl	F	2-F-Ph	Cl
F	C(O)CH ₂ CH(Cl)CH ₃	Cl	F	4-MeO-Ph	Cl
 F	CO ₂ CH ₂ (4-Cl-2-F-Ph)	Cl	F	$CO_2N=C[-(CH_2)_5-]$	Cl
F	CH ₂ CH(Cl)CO ₂ CH ₂ C≡CCH ₃	Cl	F	$C(CH_3)=N-OC_3H_7$	Cl
F	NHSO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	SCH ₃	F	NO ₂	ochf ₂
F	CH=C(CH ₃)CO ₂ Et	CN	F	$S(O)_2CH_2CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$	NO_2
F	NHSO ₂ CH ₃	CH ₂ CH ₂ CI	Cl	OCH ₂ C≡CCH ₂ OCH ₃	-Cl
Cl	$CO_2(n-C_8H_{17})$	Cl	Cl	OCH ₂ Si(CH ₃) ₃	Cl
Cl	CN	Cl	Cl	SH	Cl
Cl	C(O)N(-CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₂ CH ₂ -)	Cl	Cl	NHSO ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	Cl
Cl	O[4-CH ₂ CH(-OCH ₂ CH ₂ O-)-Ph]	Cl	Cl	CO _{2.} (4-Cl-Ph)	Cl
Br	$CO_2CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$	Cì	Br	NH ₂	Cl
Br	OCH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ (n-propyl)	Cl	Br	CI	осн ₃
Br	CH=C(Cl)CO ₂ CH ₂ SCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl .	Br	CF ₃	Et -
Br	C(O)S(CH2)4CH3	CN	Br	CH ₂ SO ₂ CH ₃	NO_2
Br	CH ₃	NO_2	Br	NO ₂	NO_2

TABLE 12

 $CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_3$

F n-propyl CH_2OH $CH(CH_3)CO_2CH_3$ F H H n-hexyl

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F	CH ₃	C(O)N(CH ₃)Et	CH(CH ₃)C≡CCH ₂ CH ₃
F	CH ₃	Н	n-C ₆ H ₁₃
Cl	Н	Н	CH(CH ₃)CN
Cl	CH ₃	C≡CH	CH ₂ CH ₂ CH=CHCH ₃
Br	Н	Н .	Me
Br	n-propyl	n-propyl	$CH_2C = CCH(CH_3)_2$
F	Cl	Cl	$CH_2CH_2OCH(CH_3)_2$
F	Н	Н	Q
			CH ₂ CH—CH ₂

TABLE 13

Compounds of Formula W=S, R ¹ =H, R ² =CH ₂ CH B=CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ , G=CH	H ₂ Cl, A=CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂ , Q=	O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	R ¹⁴
R ¹³	R ¹⁴	<u>R¹⁵</u>	<u>R¹¹</u>
Cl	Н	H	F
Cl	i-Pr	Et	F
Cl	Ме	2-Cl-Ph	F
Cl	Et	n-C ₆ H ₁₁	F
Me	n-butyl	CH ₂ CH=CHCH ₃	F
Et	n-Pr	cyclopentyl	Cl
Cl(CH ₂) ₄	Ме	cyclopentyl	Cl
Н	n-butyl	Ph	Cl
Br	Н	Me	Cl
F	Ме	Me	Br
F	Et	i-Pr	Br
n-butyl	Н	Н	Br
i-Pr	Ме	4-CN-Ph	I
Cl	Et	i-Pr	I
Cl	Et	3-NO ₂ -Ph	I

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TABLE 15

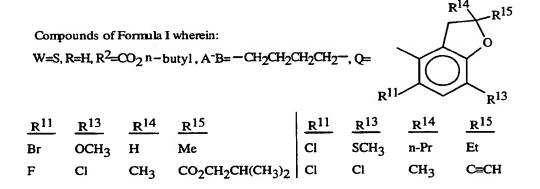


TABLE 16

Compounds of Formula I wherein:

W=O, R²=CONHCH₂CH(CH₃)₂, R¹=Me, A=CH₂CF₂CF₃,

B=ethyl, G=N, Q=

<u>R¹¹</u>	<u>R¹⁶</u>	R11	R ¹⁶
F	CH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	F	CH(CH ₃)CN
F	CH(CH ₃)(CO ₂ CH ₃)	F	CH ₂ CH ₂ C≡CCH ₂ CH ₃
F	CH ₂ CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃	F	(CH ₂) ₄ Cl
F	n-C ₆ H ₁₃	F	Н

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CI	CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	CI	CH ₂ CH=CHCH ₂ CH ₃
Cl	Н	Cl	CH ₃
Br	Et	Br	n-butyl
Br	i-Pr	I	CH ₂ C≡CH
I	CH(CH ₃)C≡CCH ₃	I	Н

TABLE 17

Compounds of Formula I wherein:
$$W=0,G=CH, A=CH_2C\equiv CCH_3, B=CH_3,$$
 R^1 and R^2 are taken together to form $=C(C_2H_5)CO_2Et$, $Q=$

R ¹¹	<u>R¹⁶</u>	R ¹¹	<u>R¹⁶</u>
F -	Н	F	Me
F	n-butyl	F	CH ₂ CH=CHCH ₃
Cl	Н	Cl	(CH ₂) ₄ Cl
Cl	CH ₂ CH(CH ₂ CH ₃)C ₂ H ₅	Br	Н
Br	CH(CH ₃)CN	I	CH ₂ CF ₃
I	CH ₂ CH ₂ OCH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂		

TABLE 18

Compounds of Formula I wherein:

W=O,
$$R^1$$
=H, R^2 =CO₂(i-Pr), G=CH, Q=
A-B = -CH₂CH₂CH₂-CH₂-

R ¹¹	R14	R ¹⁵	<u>R¹¹</u>	R ¹⁴	R ¹⁵
F	Me	cyclopropyl	F	Et	(CH ₂) ₄ Cl
F	Н	C(O)CH ₂ CH ₃	Cl	Н	CH ₂ CN
Cl	i-Pr	CH ₂ CO ₂ (n-butyl)	Br	Et	C≡CH

Formulation/Utility of Compounds of Formula I

The compounds of Formula I are useful as herbicides in agriculture. To carry out this utility, any of the compounds of Formula I can generally be used in

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formulation with an agriculturally suitable carrier comprising a liquid or solid diluent or an organic solvent. Use formulations include dusts, granules, pellets, solutions, suspensions, emulsions, wettable powders, emulsifiable concentrates, dry flowables and the like, consistent with the physical properties of the active ingredient, mode of application and environmental factors such as soil type, moisture and temperature. Sprayable formulations can be extended in suitable media and used at spray volumes from about one to several hundred liters per hectare. High strength compositions are primarily used as intermediates for further formulation. The formulations will typically contain effective amounts of active ingredient, diluent and surfactant within the following approximate ranges which add up 100 weight percent.

	Weight Percent			
Wettable Powders	Active Ingredient 25-90	Diluent 0-74	Surfactant 1-10	
Oil Suspensions, Emulsions, Solutions, (including Emulsifiable Concentrates)	5-50	40-95	0-15	
Dusts	1-25	70-99	0-5	
Granules and Pellets	0.01-99	5-99.99	0-15	
High Strength Compositions	90-99	0-10	0-2	

Typical solid diluents are described in Watkins, et al., Handbook of Insecticide Dust Diluents and Carriers, 2nd Ed., Dorland Books, Caldwell, New Jersey. Typical liquid diluents and solvents are described in Marsden, Solvents Guide, 2nd Ed., Interscience, New York, 1950. McCutcheon's Detergents and Emulsifiers Annual, Allured Publ. Corp., Ridgewood, New Jersey, as well as Sisely and Wood, Encyclopedia of Surface Active Agents, Chemical Publ. Co., Inc., New York, 1964, list surfactants and recommended uses. All formulations can contain minor amounts of additives to reduce foam, caking, corrosion, microbiological growth, etc.

Solutions are prepared by simply mixing the ingredients. Fine solid compositions are made by blending and, usually, grinding as in a hammer mill or fluid energy mill. Water-dispersible granules can be produced by agglomerating

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a fine powder composition; see for example, Cross et al., *Pesticide Formulations*, Washington, D.C., (1988), pp 251-259. Suspensions are prepared by wet-milling; see, for example, U.S. 3,060,084. Granules and pellets can be made by spraying the active material upon preformed granular carriers or by agglomeration techniques. See Browning, "Agglomeration", *Chemical Engineering*, December 4, 1967, pp 147—48, *Perry's Chemical Engineer's Handbook*, 4th Ed., McGraw-Hill, New York, (1963), pp 8—57 and following, and WO 91/13546. Pellets can be prepared as described in U.S. 4,172,714. Water-dispersible and water-soluble granules can also be prepared as taught in DE 3,246,493.

For further information regarding the art of formulation, see U.S. 3,235,361, Col. 6, line 16 through Col. 7, line 19 and Examples 10—41; U.S. 3,309,192, Col. 5, line 43 through Col. 7, line 62 and Examples 8, 12, 15, 39, 41, 52, 53, 58, 132, 138-140, 162-164, 166, 167 and 169-182; U.S. 2,891,855, Col. 3, line 66 through Col. 5, line 17 and Examples 1-4; Klingman, Weed Control as a Science, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York, (1961), pp 81-96; and Hance et al., Weed Control Handbook, 8th Ed., Blackwell Scientific Publications, Oxford, (1989).

In the following Examples, all percentages are by weight and all formulations are worked up in conventional ways. Compound 1 refers to the compound listed in Index Table A hereinafter.

Example A

	High Strength Concentrate	
	Compound 1	98.5%
	silica aerogel	0.5%
25	synthetic amorphous fine silica	1.0%.
	Example B	
	Wettable Powder	
	Compound 1	65.0%
	dodecylphenol polyethylene glycol ether	2.0%
30	sodium ligninsulfonate	4.0%
	sodium silicoaluminate	6.0%
	montmorillonite (calcined)	23.0%.

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Example C

Granule

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Compound 1 10.0% attapulgite granules (low volative matter, 0.71/0.30 mm; U.S.S. No. 25-50 sieves) 90.0%.

Example D

Extruded Pellet

	Compound 1	25.0%
10	anhydrous sodium sulfate	10.0%
	crude calcium ligninsulfonate	5.0%
	sodium alkylnaphthalenesulfonate	1.0%
	calcium/magnesium bentonite	59.0%.

Tests results indicate that the compounds of Formula I are highly active preemergent and/or postemergent herbicides and/or plant growth regulants. Many of them have utility for broad-spectrum pre- and/or postemergence weed control in areas where complete control of all vegetation is desired such as around fuel storage tanks, industrial storage areas, parking lots, drive-in theaters, around billboards and highway and railroad structures. Some of the compounds are useful for the control of selected grass and broadleaf weeds such as morningglory, cocklebur, velvetleaf, giant foxtail, barnyardgrass and lambsquarters, with tolerance to important agronomic crops which include but are not limited to wheat, corn, soybeans and rice. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that not all compounds are equally effective against all weeds. Alternatively, the subject compounds are useful to modify plant growth.

Compounds of Formula I can be used alone or in combination with other commercial herbicides, insecticides or fungicides. A mixture of one or more of the following herbicides with a compound of Formula I may be particularly useful for weed control. Examples of other herbicides with which compounds of this invention can be formulated are: acetochlor, acifluorfen, acrolein, 2-propenal, alachlor, ametryn, amidosulfuron, ammonium sulfamate, amitrole, anilofos, asulam, atrazine, barban, benefin, bensulfuron methyl, bensulide, bentazon, benzofluor, benzoylprop, bifenox, bromacil, bromoxynil, bromoxynil heptanoate, bromoxynil octanoate, butachlor, buthidazole, butralin, butylate, cacodylic acid, 2-chloro-N,N-di-2-propenylacetamide, 2-chloroallyl diethyldithiocarbamate, chloramben, chlorbromuron, chloridazon, chlorimuron ethyl, chlormethoxynil,

chlornitrofen, chloroxuron, chlorpropham, chlorsulfuron, chlortoluron, cinmethylin, cinosulfuron, clethodim, clomazone, cloproxydim, clopyralid, calcium salt of methylarsonic acid, cyanazine, cycloate, cycluron, cyperquat, cyprazine, cyprazole, cypromid, dalapon, dazomet, dimethyl 2,3,5,6-tetrachloro-1,4-benzenedicarboxylate, desmedipham, desmetryn, dicamba, dichlobenil, 5 dichlorprop, diclofop, diethatyl, difenzoquat, diflufenican, dimepiperate, dinitramine, dinoseb, diphenamid, dipropetryn, diquat, diuron, 2-methyl-4,6dinitrophenol, disodium salt of methylarsonic acid, dymron, endothall, S-ethyl dipropylcarbamothioate, esprocarb, ethalfluralin, ethametsulfuron methyl, ethofumesate, fenac, fenoxaprop, fenuron, salt of fenuron and trichloroacetic acid, 10 flamprop, fluazifop, fluazifop-P, fluchloralin, flumesulam, flumipropyn, fluometuron, fluorochloridone, fluorodifen, fluoroglycofen, flupoxam, fluridone, fluroxypyr, fluzasulfuron, fomesafen, fosamine, glyphosate, haloxyfop, hexaflurate, hexazinone, imazamethabenz, imazapyr, imazaquin, imazamethabenz methyl, imazethapyr, imazosulfuron, ioxynil, isopropalin, isoproturon, isouron, 15 isoxaben, karbutilate, lactofen, lenacil, linuron, metobenzuron, metsulfuron methyl, methylarsonic acid, monoammonium salt of methylarsonic acid, (4chloro-2-methylphenoxy)acetic acid, S,S'-dimethyl-2-(difluoromethyl)-4-(2methylpropyl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3,5-pyridinedicarbothioate, mecoprop, mefenacet, mefluidide, methalpropalin, methabenzthiazuron, metham, methazole, 20 methoxuron, metolachlor, metribuzin, 1,2-dihydropyridazine-3,6-dione, molinate, monolinuron, monuron, monuron salt and trichloroacetic acid, monosodium salt of methylarsonic acid, napropamide, naptalam, neburon, nicosulfuron, nitralin, nitrofen, nitrofluorfen, norea, norflurazon, oryzalin, oxadiazon, oxyfluorfen, paraquat, pebulate, pendimethalin, perfluidone, phenmedipham, picloram, 5-[2-25 chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenoxy]-2-nitroacetophenone oxime-O-acetic acid methyl ester, pretilachlor, primisulfuron, procyazine, profluralin, prometon, prometryn, pronamide, propachlor, propanil, propazine, propham, prosulfalin, prynachlor, pyrazolate, pyrazon, pyrazosulfuron ethyl, quinchlorac, quizalofop ethyl, rimsulfuron, secbumeton, sethoxydim, siduron, simazine, 1- $(\alpha,\alpha$ -30 dimethylbenzyl)-3-(4-methylphenyl)urea, sulfometuron methyl, trichloroacetic acid, tebuthiuron, terbacil, terbuchlor, terbuthylazine, terbutol, terbutryn, thifensulfuron methyl, thiobencarb, tri-allate, trialkoxydim, triasulfuron, tribenuron methyl, triclopyr, tridiphane, trifluralin, trimeturon, (2,4dichlorophenoxy)acetic acid, 4-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)butanoic acid, vernolate, 35

and xylachlor.

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In certain instances, combinations with other herbicides having a similar spectrum of control but a different mode of action will be particularly advantageous for resistance management.

A herbicidally effective amount of the compounds of Formula I is determined by a number of factors. These factors include: formulation selected, method of application, amount and type of vegetation present, growing conditions, etc. In general, a herbicidally effective amount of a compound(s) of Formula I is applied at rates from about 0.01 to 20 kg/ha with a preferred rate range of 0.02 to 10 kg/ha. One skilled in the art can easily determine application rates necessary for the desired level of weed control.

The following Tests demonstrate the control efficacy of the compounds of Formula I against specific weeds. The weed control afforded by the compounds is not limited, however, to these species. See Index Tables A-J for compound descriptions. The following footnotes are used in the Tables below:

- a single diastereomer, mixture of enantiomers, upper R_f product
- b single diastereomer, mixture of enantiomers, lower R_f product
- c mixture of diastereomers
- d 1H NMR data for oils given in Index Table J
- e racemic mixture
- f single diastereomer

"Upper R_f " and "lower R_f " refer to relative values using silica gel thin layer chromatography. "Config." refers to the configuration at the indicated chiral center(s).

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Index Table A

<u>Cmpd</u>							
<u>No.</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>R²</u>	<u>R¹¹</u>	<u>R¹²</u>	<u>R¹³</u>	<u>m.p.</u>	Comments
						(°C)d	
1	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	F	Н	Cl	113-114	a
2	CH_2	CO ₂ Et	F	Н	Cl	oil	b
3	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	F	Н	F	100-101	1 isomer,
							9S config.
4	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	F	Н	F	oil	1 isomer,
							9R config.
5	CH ₂	CO ₂ H	F	Н	Cl	170-172	a
6	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	F	O-iPr	Cl	83-85	a
7	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	Cì	O-iPr	Cl	oil	b
9	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	Cl	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	320(dec)	c
10	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	Cl	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	120-121	a
11	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	Cl	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	121-122	b
12	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	Cl	Н	Cl	oil	c
14	CH ₂	CO ₂ Me	Cl	Н	Cl	oil	c
16	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	Cl	CO ₂ Me	Cl	oil	c .
17	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	Н	ОМе	Cl	oil	С
18	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	Cì	O-iBu	Cl	oil	a
19	CH_2	CO ₂ Et	CI	O-iBu	Cl	oil	b
20	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	Cl	O-iPr	Cl	oil	b
21	CH_2	CO ₂ Et	Cl	O-iPr	Cl	oil	a
22	0	CO ₂ Et	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	b
23	CH_2	CH ₂ OH	Cl	O-iPr	Cl	oil	a
30	CH_2	CO ₂ Et	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	3S, 9R config.
31	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	3R, 9R config.
32	CH_2	CO ₂ Et	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	3R, 9S config.

33	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	3S, 9S config.
36	O	CO ₂ Et	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	oil	a
37	0	CO ₂ Et	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	oil	b
38	0	CO ₂ Et	F	O-iBu	Cl	oil	a
39	0	CO ₂ Et	F	O-iBu	Cl	oil	b
40	CH_2	CO ₂ Me	Cl	O-iPr	Cl	oil	a
41	CH ₂	CO ₂ Me	Cl	O-iPr	Cl	oil	b
42	CH ₂	CO ₂ (nBu)	Cl	O-iPr	Cl	oil	С
43	CH ₂	CO ₂ (iPr)	Cl	O-iPr	Cl	oil	c
44	CH_2	CO ₂ H	F	O-iPr	Cl	150-152	a
45	CH ₂	CO ₂ H	F _	O-iPr	Cl	136-138	b
46	CH_2	CO ₂ (CH ₂ Ph)	F	O-iPr	Cl	64-66	b
47	CH_2	CO ₂ (CH ₂ Ph)	F	O-iPr	Cl	99-101	a
48	CH_2	CO ₂ (nBu)	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	b
49	CH ₂	CO ₂ (nBu)	F	O-iPr	Ci	oil	a
50	CH_2	CO ₂ (iBu)	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	b
5 1	CH ₂	CO ₂ (iBu)	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	a
52	CH ₂	CO ₂ (nPr)	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	b
53	CH ₂	CO ₂ (nPr)	F	O-iPr	Cl	71-73	a
54	CH ₂	CO ₂ (iPr)	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	b
55	CH ₂	CO ₂ (iPr)	F	O-iPr	Cl	107-109	a
56	CH_2	CO ₂ Me	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	b
57	CH ₂	CO ₂ Me	F	O-iPr	Cl	97-99	a
58	CH_2	CO ₂ (CH ₂) ₂ CH(Me) ₂	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	b
59	CH_2	$CO_2(CH_2)_2CH(Me)_2$	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	a
70	0	СООН	F	O-iPr	Cl	59-61	a
7 1	0	СООН	F	O-iPr	Cl	62-64	b
72	0	CO ₂ (CH ₂) ₂ CH(Me) ₂	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	b
75	CH_2	CO ₂ (CH ₂ Ph)	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	oil	b
76	CH_2	CO ₂ (CH ₂ Ph)	F	och ₂ c≡ch	Cl	oil	a
7 7	CH ₂	CO ₂ Me	F	och ₂ c≡ch	Cl	oil	b
78	CH ₂	$CO_2(CH_2)CH(Me)_2$	F	och ₂ c≡ch	Cl	103-105	a
79	CH ₂	СООН	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	162-164	a
80	CH_2	СООН	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	159-161	ь
81 .	CH ₂	$CO_2(CH_2)_2CH(Me)_2$	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	oil	b

82	CH ₂	CO ₂ (nBu)	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	65-67	а
83	CH ₂	CO ₂ (nBu)	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	90-92	b
84	CH ₂	CO ₂ (iPr)	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	76-78	b
85	CH ₂	C(=O)NH(n-Bu)	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	136-138	b
86	CH ₂	CO ₂ (iPr)	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	oil	а
87	CH ₂	C(=O)NHEt	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	141-143	b
88	Ο	CO ₂ CH ₂ C≡CH	F	O-iPr	Cl	92-97	b
89	Ο	CO ₂ CH ₂ C≡CH	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	oil	а
90	Ο	CO ₂ CH ₂ C≡CH	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cl	oil	b
91	О	CO ₂ H	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cì	66-68	а
92	О	CO ₂ H	F	OCH ₂ C≡CH	Cì	85-87	b
93	CH ₂	CO ₂ Et	Cl	CONHiPr	Cl	60-63	С
94	Ο	CO ₂ Et	F	OCH(Me)C≡CH	Cl	oil	b
95	O	CO ₂ Et	F	O-iPr	Cl	oil	a
97	0	CO ₂ Et	F	OCH(Me)C≡CH	Cl	132-134	С
98	0	CO ₂ Et	F	OCH(Me)C≡CH	Cl	95-97	c
99	0	CO ₂ (iPr)	F	OCH(Me)C≡CH	Cl	99-101	b
101	O	CO ₂ Et	F	CO ₂ Me	Cl	95-97	a
102	Ο	CO ₂ Et	F	CO ₂ Me	Cl	98-100	b

Index Table B

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CH_3 \\
0 \\
R^2 \\
R^{11}
\end{array}$$

Cmpd

No.	<u>R²</u>	<u>R¹¹</u>	<u>R12</u>	R ¹³	m.p. (°C)d	Comments
24	CO ₂ Et	F	H	Cl	oil	1 diastereomer, lower R _f
25	CO ₂ Et	F	H	Cl	oil	1 diastereomer, upper R _f

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Index Table C

HO
$$R^{12}$$
 R^{12}
 R^{12}

<u>Cmpa</u>				
<u>No.</u>	\mathbb{R}^2	<u>R¹²</u>	m.p. (°C)d	Comments
13	CO ₂ Et	Н	97-99	9R config., upper Rf diastereomer
8	CO ₂ Et	Н	133-135	9S config., lower Rf diastereomer
15	CO ₂ Et	OCH ₂ C≡CH	78-81	c

Index Table D

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 & O \\
 & O \\$$

<u>Cmpd</u>		
<u>No.</u> <u>R²</u>	<u>m.p. (°C)</u> d	Stereochemistry
26 CO ₂ Et	oil	3S, 9S config.
27 CO ₂ Et	oil	3R, 9S config.
28 CO ₂ Et	oil	3S, 9R config.
29 CO ₂ Et	oil	3R, 9R config.
60 CO ₂ H	69-71	a
61 CO ₂ H	99-101	b
62 $CO_2(CH_2Ph)$	oil	b
$CO_2(CH_2Ph)$	oil	a
64 CO ₂ (nBu)	oil	a
65 CO ₂ (nBu)	oil	b
66 CO ₂ (CH ₂) ₂ CH(Me) ₂	oil	a
67 CO ₂ CH ₂ CH(Me) ₂	oil	b
68 CO ₂ CH ₂ CH(Me) ₂	oil	a

6 9	CO ₂ CH(Me) ₂	oil	a
73	CO ₂ Me	oil	а
74	CO2(CH2)2CH(Me)2	oil	b

Index Table E

<u>Cmpd</u>

<u>No.</u>	R ¹²	m.p. (°C)d	Comments
34	OiPr	oil	a
35	OiPr	oil	b
96	OCH ₂ C≡CH	130-132	b

Index Table F

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 & 0 \\
 & N \\
 & N \\
 & R^2
\end{array}$$

<u>No.</u>	\mathbb{R}^2	Q	m.p. (°C)d	Comments
100	CO ₂ Et	FCH ₃ O	59-61	е
103	CO ₂ Et	4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-(2-propyloxy)phenyl	oil	е

104 CO₂Et

H 0 82-84 e

105 CO₂Et

F 56-58 c

106 CO₂Et

107 CO₂Et

4-chloro-2-fluoro-5-carboethoxy-phenyl 121-123 e

108 CO₂H

118 CO₂Et

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Index Table G

 Cmpd
 No.
 Q
 m.p. (°C)^d
 Comments

 111
 CH₃
 137-139
 e

Index Table H

 Cmpd

 No.
 A-B
 Q
 m.p. (°C)^d
 Comments

 109
 -CH₂OCH₂CH₂ CH₃
 48-50
 a

 110
 -CH₂OCH₂CH₂ CH₃
 59-61
 b

117 -CH₂OCH₂CH₂-

119 -CH₂CH₂CH₂-

120 -CH₂CH₂CH₂-

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123 -CH₂CH₂OCH₂- 2-F-4-Cl-Ph 58-60 a 124 -CH₂CH₂OCH₂- 2-F-4-Cl-Ph 118-120 b

Index Table I

<u>Cmpd</u>		•
No.	m.p. (°C)d	Comments
112	181-183	f
113	50-52	f
114	56-58	f
115	52-54	f

Index Table J

Cmpd No.	¹ H NMR Data ¹
2	7.49-7.47 (m,1H), 7.17-7.15 (m,2H), 4.88 (s,1H), 1.38-1.10
	(t,3H).
4	5.11 (s,1H), 4.22-4.20 (q,2H), 1.28-1.24 (t, 3H).
7	7.44 (s,1H), 6.97 (s,1H), 5.14 (s,1H), 4.49-4.42 (m,1H),
	4.21-4.19 (m,2H), 1.38-1.34 (m,6H), 1.27-1.24 (t,3H).
12	5.19 (s,1H), 4.98 (s,1H), 4.30-4.02 (m,2H), 1.23 (t,3H), 1.19
	(t,3H).
14	5.19 (s,1H), 4.99 (s,1H), 4.30-4.15 (m,4H), 1.25 (t,3H), 1.08
	(t,3H).
16	7.96-7.94 (d,1H), 7.60-7.57 (d,1H), 5.19 (s,1H), 4.98 (s,1H),
	3.91 (s,3H), 1.27 (t,3H), 1.18 (t,3H).
17	5.19 (s,1H), 4.98 (s,1H), 4.31-4.12 (m,4H), 3.90 (s,3H),
	1.35-1.29 (t,3H), 1.19-1.11 (t,3H).
18	7.41 (s,1H), 6.98 (s,1H), 4.95 (s,1H), 4.20-4.15 (m,2H),
	3.80-3.75 (m,2H), 1.17-1.14 (t,3H), 1.04-1.03 (d,6H).
19	7.44 (s,1H), 6.92 (s,1H), 5.14 (s,1H), 4.21-4.15 (m,2H),
	3.80-3.75 (m,2H), 1.28-1.25 (t,3H), 1.04-1.03 (d,6H).
- 20	7.44 (s,1H), 6.97 (s,1H), 5.12 (s,1H), 4.60-4.53 (m,1H),
	4.20-4.15 (m,2H), 1.38-1.34 (dd,6H), 1.27-1.24 (t,3H).
21	7.41 (s,1H), 7.02 (s,1H), 4.9 (s,1H), 4.60-4.53 (m,1H),
	4.20-4.15 (m,2H), 1.56-1.37 (dd,6H), 1.17-1.13 (t,3H).
22	7.26-7.17 (dd,2H), 5.00 (s,1H), 1.39-1.35 (dd,6H), 1.29-1.25
	(t,3H).
23	9.40 (br,1H), 7.40 (s,1H), 7.28 (s,1H), 1.39-1.38 (d,6H).
24	6.97-6.96 (d,1H), 5.30-5.07 (m,2H), 4.22-4.18 (m,2H), 1.29-
, •	1.25 (m,3H).
25	6.93-6.92 (d,1H), 5.11-5.05 (m,1H), 4.99 (s,1H), 4.22-4.11
	(m,2H), 1.56-1.54 (d,3H), 1.80-1.63 (t,3H).
26	7.21-7.19 (d,1H), 7.13-7.12 (d,1H), 5.14 (s,1H), 1.38-1.34
	(dd,6H), 1.30-1.26 (t,3H).
27	5.77 (s,1H), 4.25-4.23 (q,2H), 1.39-1.36 (dd,6H), 1.29-1.26
	(t,3H).

28	5.14 (s,1H), 4.25-4.24 (q,2H), 1.38-1.34 (dd,6H), 1.30-1.26 (t,3H).
29	5.74 (s,1H), 4.24-4.23 (q,2H), 1.39-1.36 (dd,6H), 1.29-1.26
2)	(t,3H).
30	7.21-7.17 (dd,2H), 5.11 (s,1H), 4.24-4.22 (q,2H), 1.38-1.35
20	(dd,6H), 1.29-1.26 (t,3H).
31	7.20-7.17 (d,1H), 7.16-7.14 (d,1H), 5.11 (s,1H), 4.25-4.23
	(t,2H), 1.38-1.35 (dd,6H), 1.29-1.26 (t,3H).
32	7.20-7.17 (d,1H), 7.16-7.14 (d,1H), 5.09 (s,1H), 1.38-1.35
	(dd,6H), 1.17 (t,3H).
33	7.20-7.18 (d,1H), 7.16-7.19 (d,1H), 5.10 (s,1H), 4.24-4.22
	(m,2H), 1.38-1.36 (dd,6H), 1.19-1.16 (t,3H).
34	5.01 (s,1H), 4.09 (s,1H), 1.38-1.34 (dd,6H), 1.26-1.22 (q,3H),
	0.79-0.62 (m,2H).
35	5.79 (s,1H), 1.39-1.37 (d,6H), 1.29-1.25 (t,3H).
36	5.19 (br,s,2H), 4.76-4.76 (s,2H), 1.19-1.17 (t,3H).
37	4.99 (s,1H), 4.76 (s,2H), 1.27 (t,3H).
38	7.16-7.13 (dd,2H), 5.20 (s,1H), 1.21-1.18 (t,3H), 1.05-1.03
	(d,6H).
39	7.21-7.17 (dd,2H), 4.99 (s,1h), 1.30-1.26 (t,3H), 1.05-1.03
	(d,6H).
40	7.42 (s,1H), 7.02 (s,1H), 5.03-5.02 (br,s,1H), 4.54-4.51 (m,1H)
	3.71 (s,3H), 1.39-1.36 (dd,6H).
41	7.45 (s,1H), 7.04 (s,1H), 7.04 (s,1H), 5.20 (s,1H), 3.77 (s,3H),
	1.39-1.34 (dd,6H).
42	7.44 (s,1H), 7.41 (s,1H), 7.00 (br,2H), 5.19 (s,1H), 4.99 (s,1H),
	1.38-1.34 (dd,6H), 0.89-0.85 (dd,6H).
43	7.42 (s,1H), 7.40 (s,1H), 7.01 (br,2H), 5.19 (s,1H), 1.37-1.35
	(dd,6H), 1.32-1.29 (t,3H), 1.20-1.92 (dd,6H), 1.15-1.09 (t,3H).
48	7.19-7.18 (dd,2H), 5.11 (s,1H), 4.50-4.43 (m,1H), 1.37-1.34
	(dd,6H), 0.91-0.87 (t,3H).
49	4.99 (s,1H), 1.38-1.35 (dd,6H), 0.86-0.84 (t,3H).
50	5.10 (s,1H), 1.37-1.353 (dd,6H), 0.89-0.88 (dd,6H).
51	7.19-7.17 (d,1H), 7.15-7.12 (d,1H), 4.99 (s,1H), 1.41-1.35
	(m.9H), 0.84-0.82 (d,6H).

52	7.16-7.14 (dd,2H), 5.79 (s,1H), 1.39-1.36 (m,8H), 0.92-0.88
	(t,3H).
54	7.21-7.19 (d,1H), 7.18-7.16 (d,1H), 5.07 (s,1H), 1.37-1.34
	(dd,6H), 1.26-1.21 (dd,6H).
56	7.21-7.19 (d,1H), 7.18-7.17 (d,1H), 5.12 (s,1H), 3.78 (s,3H),
	1.38-1.35 (dd,6H).
58	5.10 (s,1H), 1.37-1.35 (dd,6H), 0.89-0.86 (dd,6H).
59	4.99 (s,1H), 1.41-1.35 (m,9H), 0.84-0.82 (d,6H).
62	5.22 (s,1H), 5.21 (s,2H), 4.39-4.30 (q,2H), 1.33-1.29 (dd,6H).
63	5.21 (s,1H), 5.20 (s,2H), 4.39-4.25 (m,2H), 1.33-1.29 (dd,6H).
64	5.12 (s,1H), 4.55-4.41 (m,1H), 4.14-4.12 (m,3H), 1.38-1.34
	(dd,6H), 0.96-0.87 (t,3H).
65	5.79 (s,1H), 4.17-4.16 (t,2H), 1.39-1.36 (dd,6H), 0.92-0.88
	(t,3H).
66	5.11 (s,1H), 1.38-1.34 (dd,6H), 0.88-0.85 (dd,6H).
67	5.82 (s,1H), 1.39-1.36 (dd,6H), 0.91-0.89 (d,6H).
68	5.15 (s,1h), 3.95-3.94 (q,2H), 1.38-1.34 (dd,6H), 0.88-0.86
	(d,6H).
69 .	5.07 (s,1h), 5.03-4.99 (q,1H), 4.50-4.43 (q,1H), 1.38-1.34
	(dd,6H), 1.25-1.24 (d,3H), 1.19-1.17 (d,3H).
72	4.99 (s,1H), 1.38-1.36 (t,6H), 0.87-0.86 (t,6H).
73	5.15 (s,1H), 3.77 (s,3H), 1.38-1.35 (dd,6H).
74	5.07 (s,1H), 4.21 (s,1H), 1.39-1.36 (dd,6H), 0.89-0.87 (d,6h).
75	5.18-5.16 (m,3H), 4.62-4.61 (br,s,2H), 2.51 (s,1H).
76	5.26-5.19 (m,1H), 5.05 (s,1H), 4.61 (s,2H), 2.54 (s,2H).
77	5.12 (s,1h), 4.75 (s,2H), 3.78 (s,3H), 2.58 (s,1H).
81	4.99 (s,1H), 4.75 (s,2H), 0.84-0.82 (dd,6H).
86	5.04-4.99 (m,2h), 4.75 (s,2H), 2.58 (s,2H), 1.16-1.14 (dd,6H).
89	7.40-7.38 (d,1H), 7.25-7.22 (d,1H), 5.05 (s,1H), 4.78-4.74
	(m,4H), 2.6 (s,1H), 2.52 (s,1H).
90	5.04 (s,1H), 4.77-4.76 (m,4H), 2.60 (s,1H), 2.52 (s,1H).
94	5.19 (s,1H), 4.90 (q,1H), 2.53 (s,1H), 1.71-1.69 (d,3H),
	1.17-1.13 (t,3H).
95	5.19 (s,1H), 4.55-4.44 (m,1H), 4.25-4.15 (m,2H0, 1.39-1.36
	(dd,6H), 1.20-1.16 (t,3H).

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103	(300 MHz): 5.12 (s,1H), 4.60-4.52 (m,1H), 1.39-1.36 (m,7H),
	1.24-1.20 (t,3H).
122	7.18-7.17 (d,1H), 6.82-6.81 (d,1H), 5.05 (s,1H), 4.60 (s,2H),
	1.28-1.25 (m.6H).

Unless indicated otherwise, spectra were obtained in CDCl₃ at 400 MHz. br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublets, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet.

EXAMPLE 9

Preparation of (S)-2-amino-3-methylbutanamide hydrochloride

Anhydrous ammonia was bubbled through 150 mL of methylene chloride cooled to 0°C (ice-bath) until the solution was saturated. To this mixture cooled to 5°C and under N2 was added dropwise trimethylaluminum (136.2 mL of a 2 M solution in hexane, 272.4 mmol) available from Aldrich Chemical Co., (Milwaukee, WI). The resultant cloudly solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 22 h. L-Valine (10.6 g, 90.79 mmol) was added portionwise and stirred for 18 h at room temperature. To this mixture, cooled to 0°C (ice-water bath), was then added dropwise 190 mL of 6 N HCl until the pH was 2. The resultant mixture allowed to warm and stirred for 2 hours and then made basic (pH = 11-12) with 50% aqueous NaOH. To the basic solution was added 100 mL of methylene chloride and 100 mL of H₂O. The organic layer was separated, dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure to dryness. The resultant residue was dissolved in 100 mL of methylene chloride and acidified with HCl gas. The solid that formed was filtered and dried under reduced pressure to give 6.8 g (49%) of the title compound, mp 258-260°C. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹), C=O (1686), N-H (3387, 3241). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) consistent with title product. Analysis calculated for C₅H₁₃ClN₂O: C, 39.35; H, 8.59; N, 18.35; Cl, 23.23; Found: C, 39.82; H, 8.52; N, 18.40; Cl, 23.13. MS: m/e 117 (M+-Cl). To 302.1 mg (1.98 mmol) of the title product in 25 mL of tetrahydrofuran under N_2 at 0°C was added dropwise (R)-(-)- α -methoxy- α -(trifluoromethyl)phenylacetyl chloride (500.0 mg, 1.98 mmol, available from Aldrich Chemical Co., Milwaukee, WI). After stirring the mixture for an additional 15 min, 50 mL of water and 50 mL of ethyl acetate was added. The ethyl acetate layer was

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separated, dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure to a dry residue. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column, eluting with 50% ethyl acetate in hexane. The desired fractions were combined and evaporated under reduced pressure to yield 210 mg (68%) of (R)-(-)-α-methoxy-α-(trifluoromethyl)-phenylacetyl-(S)-2-amino-3-methylbutanamide as a white solid, mp 52-54°C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56-7.53 (br,2H), 7.43-7.40 (m,3H), 7.32-7.30 (d,1H), 6.27-6.25 (br,1H), 5.60-5.50 (br,1H), 4.46-4.42 (m,1H), 4.48 (s,3H, OCH₃), 2.16-2.12 (m,1H), 0.95-0.93 (d,3H), 0.87-0.85 (d,3H); ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃) δ -69.41 (singlet). An authentic sample of (S)-2-amino-3-methylbutanamide hydrochloride purchased from Schweizerhall Chem. Co., South Plainfield, NJ was derivatized in exactly the same manner as above. The mp, ¹H NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were

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EXAMPLE 10

identical to the derivatized product of the present example indicating that no

detectable racemization occurred in the preparation of the title product.

Preparation of S-2-amino-4-methyl-N-[2-(4-pyridinyl)ethyl]pentanamide To a stirring solution of 4-(2-aminoethyl) pyridine (15.2 g, 124.17 mmol), in anhydrous methylene chloride (100 mL) under N2 at 0°C (ice-water bath), was added dropwise, trimethylaluminum (186.26 mL of a 2 M solution in hexane, 372.51 mmol). The resultant mixture was stirred under nitrogen at room 20 temperature for 24 hours. L-leucine (16.29 g, 124.17 mmol, Sigma Chemical Co., St. Louis, MO) was then added portion wise through a solid addition funnel and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 72 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C, treated with 6 N hydrochloric acid until the pH of the mixture was 3 to 4, followed by the addition of 200 mL of water. After 25 stirring for 0.5 h, the aqueous layer was separated and made basic (pH = 9) with 50% aqueous NaOH. To this aqueous solution was added 400 mL of methylene chloride, the organic layer was separated, dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated to dryness under vacuum. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with 2% methanol in methylene chloride to obtain 2.2 g (10%) of the 30 title compound as a yellow oil. IR (neat, cm⁻¹), C=O (1658.2), N-H (3303.0). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.53-8.51 (d,2H), 7.58-7.49 (br,1H), 7.15-7.14 (d,2H), 3.56-3.53 (m,2H), 3.43-3.39 (d,1H), 1.91-1.89 (br,2H), 1.70-1.68 (m,2H), 1.38-1.26 (t,1H), 0.96-0.91 (dd,6H). Analysis calculated for

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 $C_{13}H_{21}N_3O\cdot 1/4H_2O$: C, 65.51; H, 9.03; N, 17.52; Found: C, 64.99; H, 8.96; N, 17.18.

EXAMPLE 11

Preparation of S-α-amino-N-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]benzenpropanamide To a stirring solution of 3-dimethylaminopropyl amine (10.0 g, 97.86 mmol), in anhydrous methylene chloride (100 mL) under N₂ at 0°C (ice-water bath), was added dropwise, trimethylaluminum (146.79 mL of a 2 M solution in hexane, 293.58 mmol). The resultant mixture was stirred under N2 at room temperature for 24 h. L-phenylalanine hydrochloride (22.48 g, 97.86 mmol, Aldrich Chemical Co., Milwaukee, WI) was then added portion wise through a solid addition funnel and the reaction mixture allowed to stir at room temperature for 72 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C, treated with 6 N hydrochloric acid until the pH of the mixture was 2, followed by the addition of 200 mL of water. The aqueous layer was separated and made basic (pH = 9) with 50% aqueous NaOH. To this aqueous solution was added 400 mL of methylene chloride, the organic layer was separated, dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with 50% ethyl acetate in hexane. The desired fractions were combined and evaporated under reduced pressure to give 2.0 g (12%) the title compound as a yellow oil. IR (neat, cm⁻¹), C=O (1658), N-H (3299.9). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86-7.85 (br,1H), 7.32-7.21 (m,5H), 3.80-3.78 (m,1H),

EXAMPLE 12

3.39-3.23 (m,3H), 2.25-2.24 (m,2H), 2.21-2.19 (s,6H), 1.80-1.79 (m,2H).

Preparation of (±)-2-amino-N-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-4-hydroxybutanamide To a stirring solution of 2,4-dichloroaniline (4.27 g, 26.37 mmol), in anhydrous methylene chloride (100 mL) under N2 at 0°C (ice-water bath), was added dropwise, trimethylaluminum (39.56 mL of a 2 M solution in hexane, 79.11 mmol). The resultant mixture was stirred under N₂ at room temperature for 24 h. The mixture was cooled and (\pm) - α -amino- γ -butyrolactone hydrobromide (39.56 mL, 74.11 mmol, Aldrich Chemical Co., Milwaukee, WI) was then added 30 portionwise and the reaction mixture then allowed to stir at room temperature for 48 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C, treated with 6 N hydrochloric acid until the pH of the mixture was 2 to 3. The resultant solid was filtered and suspended in 100 mL of water. The suspension was made basic with 50% aqueous NaOH (pH = 13) and 300 mL of methylene chloride was added. The 35

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organic layer was separated, dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue obtained was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with 50% ethyl acetate in hexane. The desired fractions were combined and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the title compound as a white solid (2.3 g, 36%), mp 89-91°C. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹), C=O (1658), N-H (3323.9), OH (3265.9). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum was consistent with the title product. Analysis calculated for C₁₀H₁₂Cl₂N₂O: C, 45.65; H, 4.60; N, 10.68; Cl, 26.90; Found: C, 45.69; H, 4.60; N, 10.53; Cl, 26.70.

EXAMPLE 13

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Preparation of methyl N-L-phenylalanyl-L-valine

A solution of trimethylaluminum (136.2 mL of a 2 M solution in hexane, 272.4 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirring suspension of L-phenylalanine (15.0 g, 90.79 mmol) in 150 mL of methylene chloride at 0°C (ice-bath). The resultant clear solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 23 h. A solution of the free base of L-valine methyl ester (15.22 g, 90.79 mmol) in 100 mL of methylene chloride was added dropwise and the resultant clear solution was stirred at room temperature for 72 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0°C and with stirring, 6N HCl was dropwise until the pH was 2. The mixture was stirred for an additional 0.5 h followed by addition of 40 mL of 50% aqueous NaOH until the pH was 13. To this mixture was added 800 mL of methylene chloride and 100 mL of water. The organic layer was separated, dried over magnesium sulfate and evaporated under reduced pressure to provide a residue which was chromatographed on silica gel using 5% methanol in methylene chloride as the eluting solvent. The desired fractions were collected and evaporated under reduced pressure to yield 5.0 g (34%) of the title product as a colorless oil. IR (neat, cm⁻¹), C=O (1665.8, 1742.0), N-H (3366.6). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) spectra were both consistent with the title product. Analysis calculated for C₁₅H₂₂ClN₂O₃·1/4H₂O: C, 56.41; H, 7.42; N, 8.77; Cl, 11.10; Found: C, 56.34; H, 7.65; N, 8.61; Cl, 10.62.

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EXAMPLE 14

Preparation of ethyl N-L-phenylalanine-L-alanine

Using the procedure of Example 13, employing 10.0 g of L-phenylalanine (60.53 mmol) and 90.79 mL of 2.0 M trimethylaluminum in hexane (181.6 mmol) and 9.29 g of the free base of L-alanine ethyl ester (60.53 mmol), and a similar isolation procedure provided 2.5 g (25%) of the title compound as a

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yellow oil. IR (neat, cm⁻¹), C=O (1665.4, 1738.5), N-H (3366.2). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) spectra were both consistent with the title product.

EXAMPLE 15

Preparation of S- 2-amino-N-(4-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-3-methylbutanamide To a mixture of 4-chloro-2-fluororaniline (5.21 g, 35.83 mmol, Aldrich Chemical; Milwaukee, WI) and L-valine methylester hydrochloride (6.01 g, 35.83 mmol, Aldrich Chemical; Milwaukee, WI) in methylene chloride (100 mL) under N₂ at 0°C (ice-water bath), was added dropwise trimethylaluminum (35.83 mL of a 2 M soln, 71.66 mmol). The resultant mixture was stirred under N₂ at room temperature for 2 days. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C, treated with 6N hydrochloric acid (150 mL), until the foaming stopped. Methylene chloride (300 mL) and H₂O (400 mL) were added. The aqueous layer was separated and basicified with 50% NaOH to pH 10. Methylene chloride (500 mL) was added and the organic layer was separated, dried over magnesium sulfate, and evaporated under reduced pressure to dryness. The dried residue was chromatographed on silica gel using 30% ethyl acetate in hexane as the eluting solvent. The desired fractions were collected and evaporated under reduced pressure to yield 4.76 g (63%) of title compound as a white solid, mp 77-79°C. IR (Nujol, cm $^{-1}$), C=O (1678), N-H (3379,3254). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl $_{3}$): δ 9.98 (br,1H), 8.40-8.38 (t,1H), 7.13-7.11 (m,2H), 3.41(br,1H), 2.48-2.40 (m,1H), 1.48 (br,2H), 1.06-1.04 (d,3H), 0.88-0.86 (d,3H).

EXAMPLE 16

Preparation of R-2-amino-N-(4-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-4-methylpentanamide A solution of trimethylaluminum (35.8 mL of a 2 M solution in hexane, 71.66 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of D-leucine (4.70 g, 25 35.83 mmol, Aldrich Chemical; Milwaukee, WI) in 100 mL of methylene chloride under nitrogen, at 0°C (ice-water bath). The resulting clear solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. To the solution was added 4-chloro-2fluoroaniline (5.21 g, 35.83 mmol) portionwise via solid addition funnel and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 days. To the reaction mixture 6N 30 HCl (200 mL) was added until foaming stopped. Methylene chloride(400 mL) and water (200 mL) were added. The aqueous layer was separated and basicified with 50% NaOH to pH 10. Methylene chloride (400 mL) was added. The organic layer was separated, dried over magnesium sulfate, and evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The dried residue was chromatographed on silica 35

gel using 30% ethyl acetate in hexane as eluting solvent. The desired fractions were collected and evaporated under reduced pressure to yield (3.61 g, 48%) of the title compound as a white solid, mp 75-77°C. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹), N-H (3382, 3251), C=O, (1680). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.99 (br,1H), 8.40-8.36 (t,1H), 7.13-7.10 (m,2H), 3.58-3.92 (m,1H), 1.85-1.73 (m,2H), 1.56 (br,2H), 1.48-1.44 (t,1H), 1.01-0.97 (m,6H).

EXAMPLE 17

Preparation of R-2-amino-N-(4-chloro-2-fluorophenyl)-4-methylpentanamide

The title compound of Example 16 was also prepared in the following manner. To a mixture of 4-chloro-2-fluoroaniline(5.21 g, 35.83 mmol) and D-leucine (4.10 g, 35.83 mmol) in methylene chloride (100 mL), was added trimethylaluminum (35.8 mL of a 2 M solution in hexane, 71.66 mmol) dropwise at 0°C under nitrogen. The resultant brown solution was stirred at room temperature for 2 days. A similar workup as in Example 16 yielded the title compound (4.04 g, 55%) as a white solid, mp 75-77°C. Spectral data matched that of the compound prepared in Example 16.

By the general procedures described herein, or obvious modifications thereof, the compounds of Index Tables K-P can be prepared. In the Tables , the α -amino amide product, when chiral, is indicated by a wedge or hash bond at the chiral carbon, if not so indicated, the product is racemic. In Index Tables K-N, the designations R, R', R" and R" are used to indicate the substituents on the aromatic ring as previously defined for R^{43} .

Index Table K

Compound	<u>R</u>	<u>R</u> '	<u>R</u> "	<u>R</u> "'	mp (°C)
125	Cl	Н	F	Н	118-119
126	F	Н	F	Н	87-89
127	Br	Н	Cl	Н	115-117
128	F	н	Cl	OCH(CH ₃) ₂	96-98

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129	F	H	Cl	OCH ₂ C≡CH	120-122
130	Cl	Н	Cl	Н	122-123
131	Br	H	CH ₃	Н	65-67
132	н	Cl	OCH ₃	Н	94-96

Index Table L

Compound	<u>R</u>	<u>R</u> '	mp (°C)
133	Cl	Cl	gum
134	C l	F	114-116

Index Table M

Compound	<u>R</u>	<u>R</u> '	<u>R</u> "	mp (°C)
135	F	Cl	OCH ₂ C≡CH	164-166
136	F	Cl	OCH ₂ CH(CH ₃) ₂	119-121
137	F	Cl	OCH(CH ₃) ₂	99-101

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Index Table N

$$\begin{array}{c|c} NH_2 \\ CH \\ O \\ R \end{array}$$

Compound	<u>R</u> '	<u>R</u>	<u>R</u> 3	mp (°C)
138	F	Н	$CH(CH_3)_2$	oil
139	CH ₃	Br	$CH(CH_3)_2$	230-232
140	I	Н	$CH(CH_3)_2$	103-105
141	CN	Н	$CH(CH_3)_2$	66-68
142	CH ₃	Br	CH ₃	110-112
143	Cl	F	CH ₂ CH ₂ SO ₂ CH ₃	193-194
144	Cl	F	CH ₂ SH	133-135

Index Table O

<u>Compound</u>	<u>α-amino amide</u>	mp (°C)
145	CH ₃ Br	105-107
	Br	
146		96-98
	NH F	
147	NH—CH ₃	75-77
	NH Br	

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$$\begin{array}{c|c} & C & C \\ \hline & CH_2 & NH \\ \hline & & \\ & & \\ \end{array}$$

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TEST A

Seeds of barnyardgrass (Echinochloa crus-galli), cheatgrass (Bromus secalinus), cocklebur (Xanthium pensylvanicum), crabgrass (Digitaria spp.), giant foxtail (Setaria faberi), morningglory (Ipomoea spp.), sorghum (Sorghum bicolor), velvetleaf (Abutilon theophrasti), and wild oat (Avena fatua) were planted into a sandy loam soil and treated preemergence with test chemicals dissolved in a non-phytotoxic solvent. At the same time, these crop and weed species were also treated postemergence with test chemicals. Plants ranged in height from two to eighteen cm and were in the two to three leaf stage for the postemergence treatment. Treated plants and untreated controls were maintained in a greenhouse for approximately eleven days, after which all treated plants were compared to untreated controls and visually evaluated for injury. Plant response ratings, summarized in Table A, are based on a 0 to 10 scale where 0 is no effect and 10 is complete control. A dash (-) response means no test results.

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Cheatgrass	1	1	Cheat	grass	2	2
Cocklebur	3	3	Cockle	ebur	0	0
Crabgrass	1	3	Crabg	cass	2	1
Giant foxtail	1	2	Giant	foxtail	9	7
Morningglory	2	7	Morni	ngglory	0	0
Sorghum	1	2	Sorgh	mτ	1	1
Velvetleaf	4	4	Velve	tleaf	10	6
Wild oats	1	1	Wild	pats	1	0
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Cheatgrass	0		Cheat	grass	0	
Cocklebur	0		Cockl	ebur	0	
Crabgrass	1		Crabg	rass	0	
Giant foxtail	1	•	Giant	foxtail	0	
Morningglory	1		Morni	ngglory	0	
Sorghum	1		Sorgh	um	0	
Velvetleaf	2		Velve	tleaf	0	
Wild oats	0		Wild	oats	0	

TEST B

Seeds of barley (Hordeum vulgare), barnyardgrass (Echinochloa crus-galli), bedstraw (Galium aparine), blackgrass (Alopecurus myosuroides), cheatgrass (Bromus secalinus), chickweed (Stellaria media), cocklebur (Xanthium pensylvanicum), corn (Zea mays), cotton (Gossypium hirsutum), crabgrass (Digitaria spp.), downy brome (Bromus tectorum), giant foxtail (Setaria faberi), lambsquarters (Chenopodium album), morningglory (Ipomoea hederacea), rape (Brassica napus), rice (Oryza sativa), sorghum (Sorghum bicolor), soybean

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(Glycine max), sugar beet (Beta vulgaris), velvetleaf (Abutilon theophrasti), wheat (Triticum aestivum), wild buckwheat (Polygonum convolvulus), wild oat (Avena fatua) and purple nutsedge (Cyperus rotundus) tubers were planted and treated preemergence with test chemicals dissolved in a non-phytotoxic solvent.

At the same time, these crop and weed species were also treated with postemergence applications of test chemicals. Plants ranged in height from two to eighteen cm (one to four leaf stage) for postemergence treatments. Treated plants and controls were maintained in a greenhouse for twelve to sixteen days, after which all species were compared to controls and visually evaluated. Plant response ratings, summarized in Table B, are based on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is no effect and 10 is complete control. A dash (-) response means no test result.

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Table B	Rate 200 g/ha	PREEMERGENCE	Barley	Barnyardgrass	Bedstraw	Blackgrass	Cheatgrass	Chickweed	Cocklebur	Corn	Cotton	Crabgrass	Downy brome	Giant foxtail	Lambsquarter	Morningglory	Nutsedge	Rape	Rice	Sorghum	Soybean	Sugar beet	Velvetleaf	Wheat	Wild buckwheat	Wild oat

Table B				COM	COMPOUND	_				Table B			•	COMPOUND	GND				
Rate 100 g/ha	24	24 37 101	101	102	103	104	106	108	109	Rate 100 g/ha	24	37	101	102 1	103 10	104 106	6 108	8 109	9
POSTEMERGENCE										PREEMERGENCE									
Barley	-	9	٣	7	0	0	7	7	0	Barley	0	0	0	0	0	0	e	0	0
Barnyardgrass	-	m	7	Н	۲	7	7	Н	7	Barnyardgrass	0	1	0	0	, O	0	∞	0	0
Bedstraw	7	7	2	7	0	0	m	ı	1	Bedstraw	0	0	7	0	4	0	10	ı	0
Blackgrass	0	7	0	1	7	0	7	Н	-	Blackgrass	0	+	0	0	٣	0	4	7	0
Cheatgrass	-	က	1	i	1	1	1	1	ı	Cheatgrass	0	7	ı	ı	ı	1	ı	1	1-
Chickweed	-	٣	က	7	7	0	7	7	7	Chickweed	0	Н	0	0	7	0	6	0	0
Cocklebur	4	7	٣	7	7	-	4	က		Cocklebur	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Corn	1	٣	-	Т	-	7	7	т	1	Corn	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0
Cotton	Q	9	0	7	က	7	6	10	σ	Cotton	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Crabgrass	7	Ŋ	7	Н	-	7	e	Н	ч	Crabgrass	0	٦	0	0	0	0	∞	0	0
Downy brome	ı	1	0	Н	0	0	7	0	0	Downy brome	ı	ı	н	Н	0	0	3	0	0
Giant foxtail	7	4	7	2	1	~1	m	Н	-	Giant foxtail	0	⊣	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Lambsquarter	٣	œ	7	2	7	2	1	7	٣	Lambsquarter	0	œ	Н	0	∞	1 1	10	2	7
Morningglory	ა	œ	œ		0	2	10	ß	ო	Morningglory	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Nutsedge	٦	က	⊣	0	ı	1	7	7	0	Nutsedge	1	7	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Rape	7	ഹ	ស	Ŋ	7	7	7	8	т	Rape	0	0	0	0	4	3	10	0	H
Rice	7	ß	٣	2	0	0	m	m	1	Rice	0	-	0	0	0	0	9	0	0
Sorghum	2	4	1	-	Н	Н	4	1	1	Sorghum	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Soybean	7	9	4	က	7	က	4	4	7	Soybean	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Sugar beet	7	7	9	9	٣	က	9	œ	2	Sugar beet	0	4	Т	⊣	က	7	σ	е	7
Velvetleaf	7	œ	m	1	0	က	Ŋ	1	7	Velvetleaf	0	7	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Wheat	-	7	æ	7	-	⊣	2	0	0	Wheat	0	~	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Wild buckwheat	7	7	ស	m	3	7	က	4	7	Wild buckwheat	0	0	0	0	9	0	01	7	-
Wild oat	٦	7	0	7	-	-	3	0	0	Wild oat	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0

Table B	CC	MPO	UNI)	Table B	cc	MPC	UNI)
Rate 50 g/ha	9	94	96	110	Rate 50 g/ha	9	94	96	110
POSTEMERGENCE	-	-			PREEMERGENCE				
Barley	0	4	2	0	Barley	0	0	0	0
Barnyardgrass	1	7	3	1	Barnyardgrass	0	6	1	0
Bedstraw	0	8	6	_	Bedstraw	0	5	2	0
Blackgrass	0	6	3	0	Blackgrass	0	6	3	0
Cheatgrass	0	5	3	_	Cheatgrass	0	4	2	-
Chickweed	0	4	5	1	Chickweed	0	9	2	0
Cocklebur	0	8	_	0	Cocklebur	0	0	0	0
Corn	1	3	2	0	Corn	0	2	0	0
Cotton	1	10	9	2	Cotton	0	0	0	0
Crabgrass	1	5	3	1	Crabgrass	0	6	2	0
Downy brome	_	-	-	0	Downy brome	-	-	-	0
Giant foxtail	1	5	4	1	Giant foxtail	0	3	0	0
Lambsquarter	0	10	5	1	Lambsquarter	0	10	10	0
Morningglory	0	8	6	2	Morningglory	0	2	0	0
Nutsedge	0	_	-	0	Nutsedge	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	9	7	0	Rape	0	6	3	0
Rice	1	7	5	0	Rice	0	3	0	0
Sorghum	0	4	3	0	Sorghum	0	1	0	0
Soybean	0	7	3	0	Soybean	0	4	0	0
Sugar beet	0	10	9	3	Sugar beet	0	9	7	0
Velvetleaf	0	10	9	0	Velvetleaf	0	10	9	0
Wheat	0	5	3	0	Wheat	0	1		-
Wild buckwheat	0	10	10	0	Wild buckwheat	0			-
Wild oat	0	3	2	0	Wild oat	0	3	1	. 0

TEST C

The compounds evaluated in this test were formulated in a non-phytoxic solvent and applied to the soil surface before plant seedlings emerged (preemergence application), to water that covered the soil surface (flood application), and to plants that were in the one-to-four leaf stage (postemergence application). A sandy loam soil was used for the preemergence and postemergence tests, while a silt loam soil was used in the flood test. Water depth was approximately 2.5 cm for the flood test and was maintained at this level for the duration of the test.

Plant species in the preemergence and postemergence tests consisted of barnyardgrass (*Echinochloa crus-galli*), barley (*Hordeum vulgare*), bedstraw (*Galium aparine*), blackgrass (*Alopecurus myosuroides*), chickweed (*Stellaria media*), cocklebur (*Xanthium pensylvanicum*), corn (*Zea mays*), cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*), crabgrass (*Digitaria sanguinalis*), downy brome (*Bromus tectorum*), giant foxtail (*Setaria faberi*), johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*), lambsquarters (*Chenopodium album*), morningglory

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(Ipomoea hederacea), pigweed (Amaranthus retroflexus), rape (Brassica napus), ryegrass (Lolium multiflorum), sorghum (Sorghum bicolor), soybean (Glycine max), speedwell (Veronica persica), sugar beet (Beta vulgaris), velvetleaf (Abutilon theophrasti), wheat (Triticum aestivum), wild buckwheat (Polygonum convolvulus), and wild oat (Avena fatua). All plant species were planted one day before application of the compound for the preemergence portion of this test. Plantings of these species were adjusted to produce plants of appropriate size for the postemergence portion of the test. Plant species in the flood test consisted of rice (Oryza sativa), umbrella sedge (Cyperus difformis), duck salad (Heteranthera limosa), barnyardgrass (Echinochloa crus-galli) and watergrass grown to the 1 and 2 leaf stage for testing.

All plant species were grown using normal greenhouse practices. Visual evaluations of injury expressed on treated plants, when compared to untreated controls, were recorded approximately fourteen to twenty one days after application of the test compound. Plant response ratings, summarized in Table C, were recorded on a 0 to 100 scale where 0 is no effect and 100 is complete control. A dash (-) response means no test result.

Table C	COMPOUND	Table C	COMPOUND
Rate 500 g/ha	100	Rate 250 g/h	a 100
POSTEMERGENCE		POSTEMERGENCE	:
Barnyardgrass 2	2 0	Barnyardgrass	: 2 0
Duck salad	0	Duck salad	0
Watergrass 2	20	Watergrass 2	0
Rice Japonica	30	Rice Japonica	0
Umbrella sedge	0	Umbrella sedg	je 0

Table C C	OMPOUND	Table C	COMP	OUND
Rate 500 g/ha	100	Rate 250 g/ha	6	100
PREEMERGENCE		PREEMERGENCE		
Barley Igri	85	Barley Igri	0	65
Barnyardgrass	100	Barnyardgrass	-	95
Blackgrass	95	Blackgrass	30	-
Chickweed	95	Chickweed	0	90
Cocklebur	100	Cocklebur	-	85
Corn	100	Corn	10	95
Cotton	100	Cotton	10	100
Crabgrass	100	Crabgrass	40	100
Downy Brome	100	Downy Brome	O	85
Galium	100	Galium	0	100
Giant foxtail	100	Giant foxtail	70	100
Ryegrass	100	Ryegrass	0	95
Johnsongrass	100	Johnsongrass	-	100
Lambsquarters	100	Lambsquarters	100	100
Morningglory	100	Morningglory	10	100
Rape	100	Rape	10	100
Redroot Pigweed	i 100	Redroot Pigweed	100	100
Sorghum	-	Sorghum	40	-
Soybean	95	Soybean	0	90
Sugar beet	100	Sugar beet	90	100
Velvetleaf	100	Velvetleaf	100	100
Speedwell	100	Speedwell	100	100
Wheat	100	Wheat	0	80
Wild buckwheat	100	Wild buckwheat	100	100
Wild oat	95	Wild oat	20	95

Table C CO	MPOU	ND	•	Table (2	COM	IPOUND
Rate 125 g/ha	100		1	Rate	62 g/ha	6	100
POSTEMERGENCE			:	PREEME	RGENCE		
Barnyardgrass 2	0			Barley	Igri	0	25
Duck salad	0		:	Barnya	rdgrass	-	80
Watergrass 2	0		:	Blackg	rass	0	35
Rice Japonica	0		(Chickwe	eed	0	65
Umbrella sedge	0		1	Cockle	our	-	40
Table C	COM	IPOUND)	Corn		0	70
Rate 125 g/ha	6	100		Cotton		0	55
PREEMERGENCE				Crabgra	ass	0	75
Barley Igri	0	40		Downy 1	Brome	0	30
Barnyardgrass	-	-		Galium		0	100
Blackgrass	20	65		Giant	foxtail	0	90
Chickweed	0	65		Ryegra	ss	0	55
Cocklebur	-	45		Johnso:	ngrass	-	95
Corn	0	70		Lambsq	uarters	100	100
Cotton	0	55		Mornin	gglory	0	70
Crabgrass	0	95		Rape		0	80
Downy Brome	0	65		Redroo	t Pigweed	60	100
Galium	0	100		Sorghu	m	0	_
Giant foxtail	0	100		Soybea	n	0	70
Ryegrass	0	75		Sugar	beet	0	90
Johnsongrass	-	100		Velvet	leaf	0	100
Lambsquarters	100	100		Speedw	ell	100	100
Morningglory	0	75		Wheat		0	30
Rape	. 0	100		Wild b	uckwheat	100	100
Redroot Pigweed	100	100		Wild o	at	0	70
Sorghum	10	-					
Soybean	0	-					
Sugar beet	20	100		-			
Velvetleaf	20	100					
Speedwell	100	100					
Wheat	0	65					
Wild buckwheat	100	100					
Wild oat	0	75					

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TEST D

Compounds evaluated in this test were formulated in a non-phytoxic solvent and applied to the soil surface before plant seedlings emerged (preemergence application) and to plants that were in the one-to-four leaf stage (postemergence application). A sandy loam soil was used for the preemergence test while a mixture of sandy loam soil and greenhouse potting mix in a 60:40 ratio was used for the postemergence test. Test compounds were applied within approximately one day after planting seeds for the preemergence test.

Plantings of these crops and weed species were adjusted to produce plants of appropriate size for the postemergence test. All plant species were grown using normal greenhouse practices. Crop and weed species include winter barley (Hordeum vulgare cv. 'Igri'), chickweed (Stellaria media), downy brome (Bromus tectorum), field violet (Viola arvensis), galium (Galium aparine), kochia (Kochia scoparia), lambsquarters (Chenopodium album), speedwell (Veronica persica), rape (Brassica napus), sugar beet (Beta vulgaris cv. 'US1'), sunflower (Helianthus annuus cv. 'Russian Giant'), spring wheat (Triticum aestivum cv. 'ERA'), winter wheat (Triticum aestivum cv. 'Talent'), wild buckwheat (Polygonum convolvulus), wild mustard (Sinapis arvensis), and wild radish (Raphanus raphanistrum).

Galium was treated at two growth stages. The first stage (1) was when the plants had two to three leaves. The second stage (2) was when the plants had approximately four leaves or in the initial stages of tillering. Treated plants and untreated controls were maintained in a greenhouse for approximately 21 to 28 days, after which all treated plants were compared to untreated controls and visually evaluated. Plant response ratings, summarized in Table D, are based upon a 0 to 100 scale where 0 is no effect and 100 is complete control. A dash response (-) means no test result.

Table C COMPOUND	Ryegrass 0
Rate 31 g/ha 6	Johnsongrass -
PREEMERGENCE	Lambsquarters . 50
Barley Igri 0	Morningglory 0
Barnyardgrass -	Rape 0
Blackgrass 0	Redroot Pigweed 0
Chickweed 0	Sorghum 0
Cocklebur -	Soybean 0
Corn 0	Sugar beet 0
Cotton 0	Velvetleaf 0
Crabgrass 0	Speedwell 90
Downy Brome 0	Wheat 0
Galium 0	Wild buckwheat 0
Giant foxtail 0	Wild oat 0
Table D COMPOUND	Table D COMPOUND
Rate 250 g/ha 6	Rate 125 g/ha 6
PREEMERGENCE	PREEMERGENCE
PREEMERGENCE Chickweed 0	PREEMERGENCE Chickweed 0
Chickweed 0	Chickweed 0
Chickweed 0 Field violet 0	Chickweed 0 Field violet 0
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Chickweed 0 Field violet 0 Galium (1) 0 Galium (2) 0	Chickweed 0 Field violet 0 Galium (1) 0 Galium (2) 0
Chickweed 0 Field violet 0 Galium (1) 0 Galium (2) 0 Kochia 0	Chickweed 0 Field violet 0 Galium (1) 0 Galium (2) 0 Kochia 0
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Chickweed 0 Field violet 0 Galium (1) 0 Galium (2) 0 Kochia 0 Lambsquarters - Speedwell - Rape 0 Sugar beet 80 Sunflower 0 Wheat (Spring) 0 Wheat (Winter) 0 Wild buckwheat 0	Chickweed 0 Field violet 0 Galium (1) 0 Galium (2) 0 Kochia 0 Lambsquarters 0 Speedwell 100 Rape 0 Sugar beet 20 Sunflower 0 Wheat (Spring) 0 Wheat (Winter) 0 Wild buckwheat 0

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Table D	COMPOUND	Table D	COMPOUND
Rate 62 g/ha	6	Rate 31 g/ha	6
PREEMERGENCE		PREEMERGENCE	
Chickweed	0	Chickweed	0
Field violet	0	Field violet	0
Galium (1)	0	Galium (1)	0
Galium (2)	0	Galium (2)	0
Kochia	0	Kochia	-
Lambsquarters	-	Lambsquarters	0
Speedwell	100	Speedwell	100
Rape	0	Rape	0
Sugar beet	20	Sugar beet	0
Sunflower	0	Sunflower	0
Wheat (Spring)	0	Wheat (Spring)	0
Wheat (Winter)	0	Wheat (Winter)	0
Wild buckwheat	. 0	Wild buckwheat	0
Wild mustard	0	Wild mustard	0
Wild radish	0	Wild radish	0
Winter Barley	0	Winter Barley	0

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What is claimed is:

1. A compound of Formula I

wherein

Q is

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 $$R^{14}$$
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 R^1 is H; C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl; or halogen;

 R^2 is C_1 - C_2 alkyl optionally substituted with one or more halogens, OR^8 , CN, COR^9 , CO_2R^{31} or $CONR^{32}R^{33}$; CN; CO_2R^{34} ; $CONR^{35}R^{36}$; $S(O)_nR^8$; $S(O)_nNR^{19}R^8$ or COR^{37} ; or

 R^1 and R^2 can be taken together along with the carbon to which they are attached to form C=CHCO $_2$ R 31 ; C=C(CH $_3$)CO $_2$ R 31 ; C=C(C $_2$ H $_5$)CO $_2$ R 31 ; C=CHCONR 32 R 33 ; C=C(CH $_3$)CONR 32 R 33 or C=C(C $_2$ H $_5$)CONR 32 R 33 ;

G is CH; C(C₁-C₄ alkyl); or N;

A is C_1 - C_4 alkyl; C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl; C_2 - C_4 alkenyl; C_2 - C_4 alkynyl; OR^{10} ; SR^{10} or halogen;

B is C₁-C₄ alkyl; C₁-C₄ haloalkyl; C₃-C₄ alkenyl or C₃-C₄ alkynyl;

A and B can be taken together as X-Y-Z to form a fused ring such that X is connected to nitrogen and Z is connected to G;

X is CHR³; CHR⁴CHR⁵; CR⁴=CR⁵;

Y is CHR⁶; CR⁶=CR⁶; NR³⁸; O or $S(O)_n$;

15 Z is CHR^7 ; CHR^4CHR^5 ; $CR^4=CR^5$; NR^{38} ; O; or $S(O)_n$;

n is independently O; 1 or 2;

 R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are independently H; halogen; C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl; or

R³ and R⁶, or R⁶ and R⁷, can be taken together to form -CH₂-;

20 R⁸ and R⁹ are independently H; C₁-C₆ alkyl; C₂-C₆ alkenyl; C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl or phenyl optionally substituted with one or more CH₃, OCH₃, NO₂, CN or halogens;

W is independently O or S;

 R^{10} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl;

25 R¹¹ is halogen;

 $R^{12} \text{ is H; C$_1$-C$_8 alkyl; C$_1$-C$_8 haloalkyl; halogen; OH; OR17; SH; S(O)$_nR17; $COR17; C(O)SR17; C(O)NR$^{19}R20; CHO; CR19=NOR26; CH=CR^{27}CO$_2R17; CH$_2CHR^{27}CO_2R17; CO$_2N$=CR^{21}R22; NO$_2$; CN; $NHSO$_2R23; NHSO$_2NHR23; NR$^{17}R28; NH$_2$ or phenyl optionally substituted with $R29;$

 R^{13} is C_1 - C_2 alkyl; C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl; OCH₃; SCH₃; OCHF₂; halogen; CN or NO₂; R^{14} is H; C_1 - C_3 alkyl or halogen;

R¹⁵ is H; C₁-C₃ alkyl; halogen; C₁-C₃ haloalkyl; cyclopropyl; vinyl; C₂ alkynyl; CN; C(O)R²⁸; CO₂R²⁸; C(O)NR²⁸R³⁰; CR²⁴R²⁵CN; CR²⁴R²⁵C(O)R²⁸; CR²⁴R²⁵CO₂R²⁸; CR²⁴R²⁵C(O)NR²⁸R³⁰; CHR²⁴OH; CHR²⁴OC(O)R²⁸ or OCHR²⁴OC(O)NR²⁸R³⁰; or

when Q is Q-2 or Q-6, R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ can be taken together with the carbon to which they are attached to form C=O;

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R¹⁶ is H; C₁-C₆ alkyl; C₁-C₆ haloalkyl; C₂-C₆ alkoxyalkyl; C₃-C₆ alkenyl; C₃-C₆ CH₃ CH₃ CH₃ CH CH CO₂CH₃ ; CH CN ; CH₂CH—CH₂ R¹⁷ is C₁-C₈ alkyl; C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl; C₃-C₈ alkenyl; C₃-C₈ alkynyl; C₁-C₈ haloalkyl; C2-C8 alkoxyalkyl; C2-C8 alkylthioalkyl; C2-C8 alkylsulfinylalkyl; C_2 - C_8 alkylsulfonylalkyl; C_4 - C_8 alkoxyalkoxyalkyl; 5 C₄-C₈ cycloalkylalkyl; C₆-C₈ cycloalkoxyalkyl; C₄-C₈ alkenyloxyalkyl; C_4 - C_8 alkynyloxyalkyl; C_3 - C_8 haloalkoxyalkyl; C_4 - C_8 haloalkenyloxyalkyl; C₄-C₈ haloalkynyloxyalkyl; C₆-C₈ cycloalkylthioalkyl; C₄-C₈ alkenylthioalkyl; C₄-C₈ alkynylthioalkyl; C₁-C₄ alkyl substituted with phenoxy or benzyloxy, each ring optionally substituted with halogen, C₁-C₃ 10 alkyl or C₁-C₃ haloalkyl; C₄-C₈ trialkylsilylalkyl; C₃-C₈ cyanoalkyl; C₃-C₈ halocycloalkyl; C₃-C₈ haloalkenyl; C₅-C₈ alkoxyalkenyl; C₅-C₈ haloalkoxyalkenyl; C₅-C₈ alkylthioalkenyl; C₃-C₈ haloalkynyl; C₅-C₈ alkoxyalkynyl; C5-C8 haloalkoxyalkynyl; C5-C8 alkylthioalkynyl; C2-C8 15 alkyl carbonyl; benzyl optionally substituted with halogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl or C₁-C₃ haloalkyl; CHR²⁴COR¹⁸; CHR²⁴P(O)(OR¹⁸)₂; CHR²⁴P(S)(OR¹⁸)₂; CHR²⁴C(O)NR¹⁹R²⁰; CHR²⁴C(O)NH₂; CHR²⁴CO₂R¹⁸; CO₂R¹⁸; SO₂R¹⁸; phenyl optionally substituted with R^{29} ; or CH_2CH ; or CH_2CH CH_2 R¹⁸ is C₁-C₆ alkyl; C₁-C₆ haloalkyl; C₃-C₆ alkenyl or C₃-C₆ alkynyl; R¹⁹ and R²¹ are independently H or C₁-C₄ alkyl; 20 R²⁰ and R²² are independently C₁-C₄ alkyl or phenyl optionally substituted with halogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl or C₁-C₃ haloalkyl; R¹⁹ and R²⁰ may be taken together along with the nitrogen to which they are attached to form a piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl or morpholinyl ring, each ring optionally substituted with C₁-C₃ alkyl, phenyl or benzyl; 25 R²¹ and R²² may be taken together with the carbon to which they are attached to form C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl; R^{23} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl; R²⁴ and R²⁵ are independently H or C₁-C₄ alkyl; R²⁶ is H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ alkenyl or C₃-C₆ alkynyl; 30 R²⁷ is H, C₁-C₄ alkyl or halogen; R²⁸ and R³⁰ are independently H or C₁-C₄ alkyl; and R²⁹ is C₁-C₂ alkyl; C₁-C₂ haloalkyl; OCH₃; SCH₃; OCHF₂; halogen; CN or NO₂; R³¹, R³², R³³, R³⁴, R³⁵, R³⁶ and R³⁷ are independently H; C₁-C₆ alkyl; C₂-C₆

alkenyl; C₃-C₆ alkynyl; C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl; or benzyl or phenyl each

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optionally substitutted on the phenyl ring with one or more CH₃, OCH₃, NO₂, CN or halogen;

 R^{38} is H; C_1 - C_4 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 haloalkyl;

and their corresponding N-oxides and agriculturally suitable salts provided that

- the sum of atoms in the backbone of the moiety of the fused ring formed by X, Y and Z is no greater than 4;
- 2) only one of X, Y and Z can be other than a carbon containing link;
- when G is N and A and B are taken together as X-Y-Z, then Z is CHR⁷; CHR⁴CHR⁵; or CR⁴=CR⁵;
- 4) when Q is Q-1 and R² is methyl or ethyl, then A and B are taken together as X-Y-Z; and
 - 5) when G is N, A is other than OR¹⁰, SR¹⁰, or halogen.
 - 2. A compound of Claim 1 wherein:

A and B are taken together as X-Y-Z;

X is CHR³; or CHR⁴CHR⁵;

Y is CHR⁶ or O;

Z is CHR⁷; CHR⁴CHR⁵; or -X-Y- or -Y-Z- is

 R^{12} is H; C_1 - C_8 alkyl; C_1 - C_8 haloalkyl; halogen; OH; OR^{17} ; SH; $S(O)_nR^{17}$; COR^{17} ; CO_2R^{17} ; $C(O)SR^{17}$; $C(O)NR^{19}R^{20}$; CHO; CH= $CHCO_2R^{17}$; CO_2N = $CR^{21}R^{22}$; NO_2 ; CN; $NHSO_2R^{23}$; or $NHSO_2NHR^{23}$; and

 R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are independently H; halogen; CF_3 or C_1 - C_4 alkyl; provided that only one of R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 is other than hydrogen.

- 25 3. A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1 and at least one of the following: surfactant, solid or liquid diluent.
 - 4. A method for controlling undesired vegetation comprising contacting the vegetation or its environment with a herbicidally effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1.
 - 5. A method for controlling undesired vegetation comprising contacting the vegetation or its environment with a herbicidally effective amount of a composition of Claim 3.
- 6. A process for the preparation of an amino amide of Formula IX which comprises contacting an unprotected α-amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIII, with an amine of Formula X or a hydrogen halide salt thereof, and a trialkylaluminum reagent of Formula XI

wherein:

5 R^{43} is selected from the group H; NH_2 ; C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl; C_1 - C_{12} alkyl or C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl each optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group morpholinyl, C₁-C₆ alkylamino, C₂-C₆ dialkylamino, pyridinyl and phenyl, each pyridinyl or phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group halogen and C₁-C₄ alkyl; and a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic aromatic ring or 9- to 10-membered 10 fused bicyclic aromatic ring each containing 0 to 3 heteroatoms independently selected from the group 0-2 O, 0-2 S, 0-4 N and 0-2 NR⁵², each ring further optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents independently selected from the group halogen, OH, NO₂, SH, CN, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₂-C₆ 15 alkenyloxy and C₃-C₆ alkynyloxy; provided that when R⁴⁴, R⁴⁵ or R⁴⁶ occur multiply in the same formula, each substituent is independently selected from the defined group;

 R^{44} is selected from the group H; C_2 - C_{12} alkenyl; C_1 - C_{12} alkyl or C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl each optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group morpholinyl, C_1 - C_6 alkylamino, C_2 - C_6 dialkylamino, pyridinyl and phenyl, each pyridinyl or phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group halogen and C_1 - C_4 alkyl; and phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group halogen and C_1 - C_6 alkyl; or

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R⁴³ and R⁴⁴ are taken together to form a member selected from the group -CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2-, -CH2CH2CH2CH2- and -CH2CH2CH2-; R^{45} is selected from the group H and C_1 - C_6 alkyl; R^{46} is selected from the group H; C_1 - C_6 alkoxy; C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl; C_1 - C_{12} alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group OH, C₁-C₆ 5 alkoxy, SH, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, pyridinyl, phenyl, hydroxyphenyl, morpholinyl, amino, C₁-C₆ alkylamino, C₂-C₆ dialkylamino, 3-indolyl, 4-imidazolyl, 1-methyl-4-imidazolyl, C(=O)NH₂, C(=O)OH, NHC(=NH)NH₂, and C(=NH)NH₂; and phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group 10 halogen and C1-C6 alkyl; or R⁴⁵ and R⁴⁶ are taken together to form a member selected from the group -CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2-, -CH2CH2CH2CH2- and -CH2CH2CH2-; or R⁴⁶ and R⁴⁷ are taken together to form a member selected from the group -CH2CH2CH2CH2-, -CH2CH2CH2- and -CH2CH2-; 15 R^{47} is selected from the group H, phenyl and C_1 - C_{12} alkyl; or R⁴⁴ and R⁴⁶ are taken together to form a member selected from the group -CH2CH2CH2CH2-, -CH2CH2CH2-,-CH2CH2-, -CH2CH(OH)CH2- and -CH2CH2OCH2-; R⁴⁸ is selected from the group H and C₁-C₄ alkyl; or 20 R⁴⁴ and R⁴⁸ are taken together to form a member selected from the group CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2- and -CH2CH2CH2CH2-; R⁴⁹, R⁵⁰ and R⁵¹ are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl; R¹⁰ is selected from the group H and C₁-C₆ alkyl; and m is 0 or an integer from 1 to 5. 25 A process according to Claim 6 wherein the aluminum amide of Formula XII is formed by contacting a compound of Formula X or a hydrogen halide salt thereof with a compound of Formula XI, and then contacting the aluminum amide with an unprotected α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIII wherein m is 0 to

form an amino amide of Formula IX wherein m is 0

wherein R^{43} , R^{44} , R^{45} , R^{46} , R^{47} , R^{48} , R^{49} , R^{50} , R^{51} and R^{52} are as defined above.

- 8. A process according to Claim 6 wherein m is 0 and the α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIII is optically active.
 - 9. A process for the preparation of one or both di- or polypeptides of Formulae XV and XVI which comprises contacting an unprotected α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIV with a trialkylaluminum of Formula XI and an unprotected α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIIIa

wherein:

15 R⁴⁴ is selected from the group H; C₂-C₁₂ alkenyl; C₁-C₁₂ alkyl or C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl each optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the

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group morpholinyl, C_1 - C_6 alkylamino, C_2 - C_6 dialkylamino, pyridinyl and phenyl, each pyridinyl or phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group halogen and C_1 - C_4 alkyl; and phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group halogen and C_1 - C_6 alkyl; provided that when R^{44} , R^{45} or R^{46} occur multiply in the same formula, each substituent is independently selected from the defined group;

R⁴⁵ is selected from the group H and C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R⁴⁶ is selected from the group H; C₁-C₆ alkoxy; C₁-C₆ haloalkyl; C₁-C₁₂ alkyl optionally substituted with a substituent selected from the group OH, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, SH, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, pyridinyl, phenyl, hydroxyphenyl, morpholinyl, amino, C₁-C₆ alkylamino, C₂-C₆ dialkylamino, 3-indolyl, 4-imidazolyl, 1-methyl-4-imidazolyl, C(=O)NH₂, C(=O)OH, NHC(=NH)NH₂, and C(=NH)NH₂; and phenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group halogen and C₁-C₆ alkyl; or

R⁴⁵ and R⁴⁶ are taken together to form a member selected from the group
-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂- and -CH₂CH₂CH₂-; or
R⁴⁶ and R⁴⁷ are taken together to form a member selected from the group

-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂- and -CH₂CH₂-;

R⁴⁷ is selected from the group H, phenyl and C₁-C₁₂ alkyl; or
R⁴⁴ and R⁴⁶ are taken together to form a member selected from the group
-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂CH₂OH₂-, -CH₂CH(OH)CH₂-and
-CH₂CH₂OCH₂-;

R⁴⁸ is selected from the group H and C₁-C₄ alkyl; or
R⁴⁴ and R⁴⁸ are taken together to form a member selected from the group
-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂- and -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-;
R⁴⁹, R⁵⁰ and R⁵¹ are independently C₁-C₆ alkyl; and

n is 0 or an integer from 1 to 5.

- 10. A process according to Claim 9 wherein n is 0 further comprising first contacting the trialkylaluminum of Formula XI with the α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIV thereby forming a mixture followed by contacting the mixture with an α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIIIa to produce the dipeptide of Formula XV, provided that R^{48} is H.
- 11. A process according to Claim 9 wherein n is 0 comprising first contacting the trialkylaluminum of Formula XI with an α-amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIIIa thereby forming a mixture followed by contacting the mixture with an

 α -amino acid, ester or lactone of Formula XIV to produce the dipeptide of Formula XVI.

- 12. A process according to Claim 9 wherein n is 0 comprising first contacting compounds of Formulae XIIIa and XIV thereby forming a mixture followed by contacting the mixture with the trialkylaluminum of Formula XI to produce one or both dipeptides of Formulae XV and XVI.1,2-dichloroethane, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, hexane, acetonitrile, toluene and methylene chloride at a temperature of about -10°C to about 150°C.
- 13. A process according to Claim 9 wherein the α -amino carboxylic acid, ester, or lactone of Formula XIIIa is optically active.
 - 14. A process according to Claim 9 wherein the α -amino carboxylic acid, ester, or lactone of Formula XIV is optically active.
 - 15. A process according to Claim 9 wherein the α -amino carboxylic acids, esters, or lactones of Formulae XIIIa and XIV are optically active.

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